

Iron County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Ironton

Population: 9,408

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	737	542	35.8%	28.1%	↑	16.5%	95
Food insecurity for children ^b	510	500	23.5%	23.8%	↓	15.4%	101
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	46	54	8.9%	10.9%	↓	8.8%	108
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	15	9	7.1	4.5	↑	5.0	58
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	14	12	6.6	6.0	↑	3.6	112
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	5	32.5	18.6	↑	17.0	48
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	11	11	5.1	5.5	↓	3.0	78
Education							
High school graduation	123	103	100.0%	91.2%	↓	90.8%	76
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	47	—	40.9		41.4%	56
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	39	—	31.0		44.9%	108
4th grade math (MAP)	—	48	—	41.7		36.8%	40
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	41	—	32.5		26.8%	48

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	10,226	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	46.8
	2020	9,408		2022	20.1
Child population under 18	2017	2,136	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	1,988		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	20.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.9
	2021	21.1%		2021	94.4
Child population under 6	2017	617	Family & Community		
	2021	590	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	31.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.0%		2017-2021	34.7
	2021	6.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	15.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	151		2017-2021	15.8%
	2021	182	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	2.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.1%		2021	1.0
	2021	9.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	39		2021	0.4%
	2021	43	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	6.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	6.3%		2021	16.1
	2021	7.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	29.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.8
	2017-2021	24.5%		2017-2021	4.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	69.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	55.5
	2017-2021	65.9%		2017-2021	10.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	45.8
Children in poverty under 6	2017	27.6%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	28.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	96.9
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	31.6%		2017-2021	51.0
	2017-2021	26.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	18.6%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	24.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	8**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	49.3%		2016-2020	28.9**
	2017-2021	52.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	82.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	46.8%		2016-2020	118.5
	2021	42.4%	Uninsured children	2016	4.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$44,229		2020	8.4%
	2017-2021	\$55,515	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.8%
Adult unemployment	2017	6.5%		2021	94.9%
	2021	5.8%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	0.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		