

Marion County

County Seat: Palmyra

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,440	1,137	22.1%	17.5%	↑	16.5%	35
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,310	1,070	19.2%	15.7%	↑	15.4%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	143	146	7.8%	8.5%	↓	8.8%	76
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	25	38	3.7	5.7	↓	5.0	90
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	20	22	3.0	3.3	↓	3.6	90
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	13	25.4	13.8	↑	17.0	26
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	79	59	11.8	8.9	↑	3.0	107
Education							
High school graduation	348	315	95.9%	95.2%	↓	90.8%	39
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	130	—	41.5		41.4%	54
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	168	—	41.0		44.9%	67
4th grade math (MAP)	—	130	—	41.5		36.8%	42
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	103	—	26.5		26.8%	75

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	28,634	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	102.9
	2020	28,518		2022	3.0
Child population under 18	2017	6,674	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	50.2%
	2021	6,637		2022	1410.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.1
	2021	23.3%		2021	94.0
Child population under 6	2017	2,193	Family & Community		
	2021	2,107	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	59.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.7%		2017-2021	21.2
	2021	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	16.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	848		2017-2021	18.2%
	2021	1,008	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	21.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	12.7%		2021	33.5
	2021	15.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	299		2021	1.2%
	2021	351	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	9.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	13.6%		2021	11.3
	2021	16.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	39.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.4
	2017-2021	25.3%		2017-2021	5.8
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	60.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	23.4
	2017-2021	60.7%		2017-2021	19.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.9
Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.1%		2017-2021	15.5
	2021	21.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	49.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	21.3%		2017-2021	34.7
	2017-2021	16.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.5%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	20.7%	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	44.3%		2016-2020	14.2*
	2017-2021	43.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	59.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	38.1%		2016-2020	79.4
	2021	30.7%	Uninsured children	2016	4.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$48,771		2020	6.8%
	2017-2021	\$61,823	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.9%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.6%		2021	93.0%
	2021	3.5%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	2.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	1.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		