

Monroe County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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County Seat: Paris

Population: 8,712

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	427	387	23.1%	20.6%	↑	16.5%	58
Food insecurity for children ^b	400	310	20.9%	17.0%	↑	15.4%	54
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	30	50	6.3%	10.9%	↓	8.8%	107
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	21	7	11.2	3.6	↑	5.0	32
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	7	2	3.7	1.0	↑	3.6	24
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	4	24.4	16.1	↑	17.0	38
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	15	7	7.9	3.6	↑	3.0	44
Education							
High school graduation	103	125	97.2%	97.7%	↑	90.8%	9
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	36	—	39.1		41.4%	68
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	44	—	48.4		44.9%	32
4th grade math (MAP)	—	35	—	38.0		36.8%	57
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	28	—	35.0		26.8%	37

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

Total population	2017	8,612
	2020	8,712
Child population under 18	2017	1,888
	2021	1,923
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.9%
	2021	22.1%
Child population under 6	2017	577
	2021	608
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.7%
	2021	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	186
	2021	226
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	9.9%
	2021	11.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	58
	2021	82
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	10.1%
	2021	13.5%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.0%
	2017-2021	22.1%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	73.3%
	2017-2021	65.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.2%
	2021	21.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	22.1%
	2017-2021	19.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.0%
	2017-2021	21.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	39.9%
	2017-2021	39.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	28.2%
	2021	21.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$50,167
	2017-2021	\$65,208
Adult unemployment	2017	4.4%
	2021	4.4%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	0.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	87.9
	2022	48.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	12.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	95.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	35.7
	2017-2021	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	9.2%
	2017-2021	11.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	29.4
	2021	2.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.2%
	2021	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	6.9
	2021	4.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.3
	2017-2021	4.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.7
	2017-2021	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	25.8
	2017-2021	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	0**
	2016-2020	0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	58.6
	2016-2020	79.0
Uninsured children	2016	8.4%
	2020	9.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.6%
	2021	94.0%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).