

# Pike County

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County Seat: Bowling Green

Population: 17,761

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	930	860	23.4%	21.6%	↑	16.5%	68
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	740	640	18.3%	15.8%	↑	15.4%	41
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	87	95	7.9%	9.1%	↓	8.8%	89
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	26	19	6.4	4.6	↑	5.0	63
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	36	12	8.9	2.9	↑	3.6	79
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	17	11	34.2	22.5	↑	17.0	64
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	25	31	6.1	7.6	↓	3.0	99
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	146	149	89.6%	89.8%	↑	90.8%	90
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	66	—	39.1		41.4%	69
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	59	—	31.4		44.9%	105
4th grade math (MAP)	—	61	—	36.1		36.8%	62
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	35	—	23.2		26.8%	87

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<sup>d</sup> 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	18,567
	2020	17,761
Child population under 18	2017	4,095
	2021	4,089
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.1%
	2021	23.0%
Child population under 6	2017	1,360
	2021	1,267
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.3%
	2021	7.1%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	440
	2021	471
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	10.7%
	2021	11.5%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	162
	2021	149
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	11.9%
	2021	11.8%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.1%
	2017-2021	23.9%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	67.2%
	2017-2021	58.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.5%
	2021	12.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	23.3%
	2017-2021	21.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	18.9%
	2017-2021	21.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	43.5%
	2017-2021	38.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	31.7%
	2021	26.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$55,745
	2017-2021	\$56,455
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%
	2021	3.9%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	1.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	169.0
	2022	139.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	8.5%
	2022	19.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.5
	2021	94.2

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	106.9
	2017-2021	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.9%
	2017-2021	16.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	16.5
	2021	20.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.3%
	2021	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.1
	2021	5.6

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	1.8
	2017-2021	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	49.5
	2017-2021	10.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	30.1
	2017-2021	12.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	138.5
	2017-2021	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	0**
	2016-2020	14.1**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	85.9
	2016-2020	107.4
Uninsured children	2016	6.6%
	2020	9.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
	2021	92.8%

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

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).