

# Platte County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,675	2,014	7.1%	8.1%	↓	16.5%	2
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	3,070	2,380	13.5%	9.9%	↑	15.4%	4
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	341	468	5.9%	7.8%	↓	8.8%	53
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	113	83	4.8	3.3	↑	5.0	21
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	100	58	4.3	2.3	↑	3.6	58
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	32	22	10.1	6.6	↑	17.0	8
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	47	36	1.9	1.4	↑	3.0	7
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	1,135	1,214	94.4%	92.4%	↓	90.8%	66
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	608	—	49.2		41.4%	25
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	701	—	53.6		44.9%	10
4th grade math (MAP)	—	558	—	45.2		36.8%	22
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	249	—	25.2		26.8%	82

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	101,187
	2020	108,569
Child population under 18	2017	24,110
	2021	25,361
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.8%
	2021	23.4%
Child population under 6	2017	7,566
	2021	7,573
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%
	2021	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	5,436
	2021	6,956
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	22.5%
	2021	27.4%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	1,776
	2021	2,288
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	23.5%
	2021	30.2%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	25.9%
	2017-2021	19.7%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	71.9%
	2017-2021	73.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	6.2%
	2021	11.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	6.2%
	2017-2021	7.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	25.0%
	2017-2021	23.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	18.8%
	2017-2021	17.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	14.2%
	2021	12.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$88,644
	2017-2021	\$107,245
Adult unemployment	2017	3.2%
	2021	4.0%
Child homelessness	2017	1.3%
	2021	0.7%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	61.4
	2022	58.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	18.7%
	2022	15.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.0
	2021	95.0

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	37.5
	2017-2021	20.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.4%
	2017-2021	12.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	18.1
	2021	12.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.0%
	2021	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	1.2
	2021	1.7

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.0
	2017-2021	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	12.3
	2017-2021	24.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	7.5
	2017-2021	22.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	34.5
	2017-2021	30.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	12.1*
	2016-2020	14.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	84.3
	2016-2020	93.3
Uninsured children	2016	4.0%
	2020	5.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.3%
	2021	93.2%

<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).