

Ralls County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

County Seat: New London

Population: 10,361

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	307	277	14.1%	13.1%	↑	16.5%	13
Food insecurity for children ^b	380	310	17.2%	14.0%	↑	15.4%	22
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	45	53	9.5%	10.6%	↓	8.8%	106
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	3	5	1.4	2.3	↓	5.0	15
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	4	2	1.8	0.9	↑	3.6	17
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	9	15.5	30.9	↓	17.0	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	9	8	4.1	3.7	↑	3.0	46
Education							
High school graduation	55	50	98.2%	96.2%	↓	90.8%	28
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	21	—	39.6		41.4%	64
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	21	—	44.7		44.9%	49
4th grade math (MAP)	—	14	—	26.4		36.8%	106
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	17	—	36.2		26.8%	34

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	10,224
	2020	10,361
Child population under 18	2017	2,213
	2021	2,144
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.6%
	2021	20.7%
Child population under 6	2017	602
	2021	613
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	5.9%
	2021	5.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	125
	2021	148
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	5.6%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	44
	2021	38
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.3%
	2021	6.2%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	31.1%
	2017-2021	16.3%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.1%
	2017-2021	78.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.1%
	2021	21.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	12.2%
	2017-2021	11.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	19.8%
	2017-2021	19.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	32.5%
	2017-2021	22.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	22.7%
	2021	20.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$60,426
	2017-2021	\$82,656
Adult unemployment	2017	3.2%
	2021	3.4%
Child homelessness	2017	1.5%
	2021	1.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	31.6
	2022	9.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	25.0%
	2022	100.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.2
	2021	95.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	31.1
	2017-2021	33.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.2%
	2017-2021	6.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	10.9
	2021	0.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.4%
	2021	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	4.1
	2021	5.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.3
	2017-2021	2.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	27.1
	2017-2021	29.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.3
	2017-2021	24.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	47.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	16.1**
	2016-2020	0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	43.2
	2016-2020	54.5
Uninsured children	2016	6.2%
	2020	8.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.4%
	2021	94.6%

^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).