

Ray County

County Seat: Richmond

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	764	732	15.1%	14.4%	↑	16.5%	24
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,070	770	19.9%	14.7%	↑	15.4%	28
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	92	88	7.4%	6.7%	↑	8.8%	23
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	24	22	4.7	4.2	↑	5.0	51
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	19	13	3.7	2.5	↑	3.6	68
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	17	29.6	26.2	↑	17.0	77
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	18	12	3.5	2.3	↑	3.0	22
Education							
High school graduation	227	201	93.4%	89.3%	↓	90.8%	96
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	73	—	36.9		41.4%	82
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	131	—	52.8		44.9%	14
4th grade math (MAP)	—	86	—	43.4		36.8%	33
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	90	—	39.8		26.8%	24

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	22,855	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	14.7
	2020	23,008		2022	12.7
Child population under 18	2017	5,177	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	5,186		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.4
	2021	22.5%		2021	94.0
Child population under 6	2017	1,557	Family & Community		
	2021	1,561	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	38.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.8%		2017-2021	28.8
	2021	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	12.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	396		2017-2021	9.7%
	2021	525	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	45.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.6%		2021	22.1
	2021	10.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	139		2021	1.5%
	2021	149	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	2.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	8.9%		2021	0.8
	2021	9.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	8.8
	2017-2021	14.1%		2017-2021	3.1
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	69.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	18.5
	2017-2021	74.7%		2017-2021	44.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	18.3
Children in poverty under 6	2017	16.8%		2017-2021	44.6
	2021	14.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	19.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	12.9%		2017-2021	43.9
	2017-2021	13.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.6%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	18.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	10**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	29.3%		2016-2020	25.8*
	2017-2021	27.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	81.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	27.4%		2016-2020	99.9
	2021	24.7%	Uninsured children	2016	6.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$68,713		2020	8.7%
	2017-2021	\$78,977	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.0%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.8%		2021	91.9%
	2021	6.5%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	0.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		