

# Ripley County

County Seat: Doniphan

County  
Composite  
Rank

114<sup>2019</sup>

105<sup>2023</sup>

Population: 10,617

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,051	810	35.2%	33.0%	↑	16.5%	112
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	780	830	24.0%	26.7%	↓	15.4%	112
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	93	64	10.5%	8.6%	↑	8.8%	78
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	63	10	19.8	3.9	↑	5.0	42
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	22	10	6.9	3.9	↑	3.6	98
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	11	40.4	38.3	↑	17.0	101
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	44	18	14.2	7.1	↑	3.0	96
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	126	118	88.7%	88.1%	↓	90.8%	104
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	58	—	34.7		41.4%	95
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	44	—	35.2		44.9%	96
4th grade math (MAP)	—	46	—	27.5		36.8%	104
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	13	—	10.4		26.8%	109

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	13,564
	2020	10,617
Child population under 18	2017	3,099
	2021	2,537
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.8%
	2021	23.9%
Child population under 6	2017	1,025
	2021	777
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.6%
	2021	7.3%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	168
	2021	190
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	5.4%
	2021	7.5%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	73
	2021	62
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	7.1%
	2021	8.0%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.2%
	2017-2021	24.6%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	67.2%
	2017-2021	64.5%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	27.6%
	2021	28.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	32.4%
	2017-2021	31.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	25.0%
	2017-2021	26.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	50.8%
	2017-2021	51.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	56.8%
	2021	56.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$43,958
	2017-2021	\$56,054
Adult unemployment	2017	5.7%
	2021	5.5%
Child homelessness	2017	4.7%
	2021	1.7%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	58.7
	2022	32.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.5
	2021	90.5

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	48.5
	2017-2021	97.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	10.2%
	2017-2021	8.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	46.5
	2021	28.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.2%
	2021	4.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	12.3
	2021	23.7

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.5
	2017-2021	2.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	49.4
	2017-2021	92.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.3
	2017-2021	80.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	75.0
	2017-2021	147.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	100.0%
	2017-2021	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	56.8*
	2016-2020	30.8**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	126.0
	2016-2020	183.8
Uninsured children	2016	6.6%
	2020	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.5%
	2021	86.5%

<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).