

Scotland County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

County Seat: Memphis

Population: 4,693

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	350	271	24.8%	20.5%	↑	16.5%	56
Food insecurity for children ^b	270	200	19.6%	13.8%	↑	15.4%	19
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	16	28	3.9%	7.0%	↓	8.8%	28
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	10	15	7.1	11.0	↓	5.0	115
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	7	3	5.0	2.2	↑	3.6	56
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	2	2	12.7	13.0	↓	17.0	20
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	3	12	2.1	8.8	↓	3.0	106
Education							
High school graduation	42	33	97.7%	100.0%	↑	90.8%	1
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	23	—	56.1		41.4%	13
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	17	—	37.0		44.9%	89
4th grade math (MAP)	—	18	—	43.9		36.8%	28
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	12	—	26.1		26.8%	77

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	4,963	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	49.8
	2020	4,693		2022	41.2
Child population under 18	2017	1,445	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	1,358		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	29.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	28.9%		2021	94.2
Child population under 6	2017	544	Family & Community		
	2021	464	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	65.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	11.0%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	9.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	42		2017-2021	9.0%
	2021	48	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	18.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	2.9%		2021	6.8
	2021	3.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	14		2021	0.0%
	2021	17	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	2.6%		2021	14.0
	2021	3.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	23.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	2.4
	2017-2021	11.1%		2017-2021	0.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	76.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	14.4
	2017-2021	82.3%		2017-2021	46.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.3
Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.2%		2017-2021	56.5
	2021	21.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	25.2%		2017-2021	0.0
	2017-2021	19.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.4%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	23.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	52.0%		2016-2020	14.5**
	2017-2021	33.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	32.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	15.8%		2016-2020	57.9
	2021	11.4%	Uninsured children	2016	13.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$51,346		2020	19.6%
	2017-2021	\$65,104	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.2%		2021	93.5%
	2021	2.6%			
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%			
	2021	0.0%			

^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).