

Scott County

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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	2,852	2,071	31.8%	23.1%	↑	16.5%	80
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,980	2,040	21.1%	22.2%	↓	15.4%	95
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	231	278	9.3%	11.4%	↓	8.8%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	105	61	11.4	6.6	↑	5.0	102
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	93	35	10.1	3.8	↑	3.6	97
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	26	44.1	23.0	↑	17.0	66
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	65	34	7.1	3.7	↑	3.0	45
Education							
High school graduation	402	423	91.0%	94.6%	↑	90.8%	46
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	150	—	35.6		41.4%	92
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	194	—	38.7		44.9%	85
4th grade math (MAP)	—	122	—	29.0		36.8%	101
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	121	—	27.5		26.8%	70

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	38,541	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	108.3
	2020	37,840		2022	84.7
Child population under 18	2017	9,202	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	1.9%
	2021	9,184		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.0
	2021	24.3%		2021	94.0
Child population under 6	2017	2,976	Family & Community		
	2021	2,926	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	64.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.7%		2017-2021	16.8
	2021	7.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	17.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	2,080		2017-2021	15.4%
	2021	2,307	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	39.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	22.6%		2021	40.9
	2021	25.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	750		2021	0.8%
	2021	788	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	11.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	25.2%		2021	6.4
	2021	26.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	39.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	11.7
	2017-2021	27.1%		2017-2021	4.9
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	60.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.4
	2017-2021	62.9%		2017-2021	25.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	15.4
Children in poverty under 6	2017	39.0%		2017-2021	25.3
	2021	17.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	51.6
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	28.1%		2017-2021	25.0
	2017-2021	22.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.6%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	23.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	15.5*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	48.1%		2016-2020	23.1*
	2017-2021	41.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	69.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	51.7%		2016-2020	94.8
	2021	44.9%	Uninsured children	2016	4.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$43,137		2020	6.3%
	2017-2021	\$62,757	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.4%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.5%		2021	93.2%
	2021	3.9%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	1.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	0.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		