

Shelby County

County Seat: Shelbyville

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	315	292	22.6%	21.1%	↑	16.5%	63
Food insecurity for children ^b	290	260	20.2%	17.6%	↑	15.4%	63
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	31	27	8.5%	7.7%	↑	8.8%	47
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	12	9	8.3	6.2	↑	5.0	96
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	5	4	3.4	2.8	↑	3.6	75
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	2	16.0	12.1	↑	17.0	17
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	15	16	10.3	11.1	↓	3.0	112
Education							
High school graduation	66	63	90.4%	84.0%	↓	90.8%	113
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	32	—	60.4		41.4%	4
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	45	—	54.9		44.9%	7
4th grade math (MAP)	—	28	—	52.8		36.8%	7
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	22	—	32.4		26.8%	49

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	6,021	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	41.1
	2020	5,976		2022	0.0
Child population under 18	2017	1,461	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	1,448		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.8
	2021	24.2%		2021	94.9
Child population under 6	2017	454	Family & Community		
	2021	449	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	107.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%		2017-2021	53.1
	2021	7.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	125		2017-2021	12.8%
	2021	161	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	36.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	8.6%		2021	18.7
	2021	11.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	45		2021	1.0%
	2021	42	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	16.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	9.9%		2021	8.3
	2021	9.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	11.0
	2017-2021	15.6%		2017-2021	5.7
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	71.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	68.9
	2017-2021	67.2%		2017-2021	28.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	50.0
Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.1%		2017-2021	17.7
	2021	21.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	159.4
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	21.3%		2017-2021	77.8
	2017-2021	19.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	17.6%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	17.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	12.4**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	42.9%		2016-2020	0**
	2017-2021	47.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	49.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	29.2%		2016-2020	63.8
	2021	23.6%	Uninsured children	2016	7.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$46,650		2020	10.8%
	2017-2021	\$51,759	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.2%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%		2021	93.2%
	2021	3.3%	^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	0.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		