

Washington County

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	1,740	1,383	30.9%	26.5%	↑	16.5%	91
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,320	1,210	22.8%	21.4%	↑	15.4%	92
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	160	129	10.9%	9.4%	↑	8.8%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	31	23	5.4	4.3	↑	5.0	53
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	32	22	5.6	4.1	↑	3.6	103
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	31	34.5	43.4	↓	17.0	107
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	25	45	4.3	8.4	↓	3.0	103
Education							
High school graduation	251	254	93.7%	95.1%	↑	90.8%	41
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	143	—	59.8		41.4%	5
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	145	—	48.5		44.9%	31
4th grade math (MAP)	—	121	—	50.6		36.8%	10
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	107	—	35.8		26.8%	36

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	25,022	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	56.3
	2020	23,502		2022	51.1
Child population under 18	2017	5,777	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	5,344		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8
	2021	22.7%		2021	94.2
Child population under 6	2017	1,785	Family & Community		
	2021	1,624	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	66.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.1%		2017-2021	13.7
	2021	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	9.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	262		2017-2021	13.3%
	2021	323	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	37.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	4.5%		2021	13.7
	2021	6.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.5%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	106		2021	1.2%
	2021	133	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	9.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	5.9%		2021	13.9
	2021	8.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	29.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.8
	2017-2021	27.7%		2017-2021	9.5
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	24.2
	2017-2021	61.8%		2017-2021	39.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	12.4
Children in poverty under 6	2017	19.7%		2017-2021	43.5
	2021	22.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	82.7
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	27.8%		2017-2021	20.7
	2017-2021	25.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.7%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	24.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	3.1**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	46.9%		2016-2020	53.7*
	2017-2021	48.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	122.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	48.6%		2016-2020	169.9
	2021	41.2%	Uninsured children	2016	5.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$45,775		2020	7.1%
	2017-2021	\$51,071	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2017	5.5%		2021	93.3%
	2021	4.9%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	2.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	3.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		