

Wayne County

County Seat: Greenville

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	944	669	35.3%	30.9%	↑	16.5%	105
Food insecurity for children ^b	630	680	22.4%	24.1%	↓	15.4%	103
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	64	60	8.9%	9.6%	↓	8.8%	98
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	49	22	18.2	9.9	↑	5.0	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	13	6	4.8	2.7	↑	3.6	74
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	15	43.0	52.6	↓	17.0	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	17	17	6.2	7.7	↓	3.0	100
Education							
High school graduation	101	95	90.2%	91.4%	↑	90.8%	74
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	38	—	36.5		41.4%	86
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	46	—	43.4		44.9%	56
4th grade math (MAP)	—	42	—	40.4		36.8%	46
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	40	—	37.7		26.8%	27

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

Total population	2017	13,296
	2020	10,914
Child population under 18	2017	2,746
	2021	2,212
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	20.7%
	2021	20.3%
Child population under 6	2017	897
	2021	637
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.7%
	2021	5.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	216
	2021	203
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.9%
	2021	9.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	87
	2021	58
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	9.7%
	2021	9.1%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	33.1%
	2017-2021	13.4%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	64.2%
	2017-2021	76.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	27.6%
	2021	28.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	34.6%
	2017-2021	28.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	22.9%
	2017-2021	19.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	55.6%
	2017-2021	41.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	49.3%
	2021	49.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$39,500
	2017-2021	\$54,833
Adult unemployment	2017	5.1%
	2021	5.0%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	76.1
	2022	94.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	93.8
	2021	91.7

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	100.8
	2017-2021	33.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.5%
	2017-2021	6.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	8.9
	2021	2.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.7%
	2021	3.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.1
	2021	15.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	8.4
	2017-2021	6.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.4
	2017-2021	19.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	8.8
	2017-2021	11.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	73.4
	2017-2021	47.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	6.6**
	2016-2020	43.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	68.0
	2016-2020	108.5
Uninsured children	2016	6.8%
	2020	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.9%
	2021	88.8%

^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).