

# Wright County

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County Seat: Hartville

Population: 18,610

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,635	1,338	36.0%	28.1%	↑	16.5%	95
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,070	1,130	23.3%	24.5%	↓	15.4%	105
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	94	82	7.7%	6.8%	↑	8.8%	24
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	27	24	5.8	4.9	↑	5.0	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	16	4	3.4	0.8	↑	3.6	13
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	24	42.2	35.5	↑	17.0	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	26	19	5.6	3.9	↑	3.0	51
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	220	205	96.9%	94.9%	↓	90.8%	42
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	113	—	52.6		41.4%	18
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	106	—	45.1		44.9%	47
4th grade math (MAP)	—	90	—	41.9		36.8%	39
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	76	—	33.2		26.8%	47

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<sup>d</sup> 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	18,331
	2020	18,610
Child population under 18	2017	4,651
	2021	4,866
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	25.4%
	2021	26.2%
Child population under 6	2017	1,522
	2021	1,527
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.3%
	2021	8.2%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	276
	2021	405
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	5.9%
	2021	8.3%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	112
	2021	136
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	7.4%
	2021	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	33.3%
	2017-2021	17.1%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.7%
	2017-2021	72.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	33.9%
	2021	25.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	33.5%
	2017-2021	27.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.5%
	2017-2021	26.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	68.6%
	2017-2021	55.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	46.4%
	2021	35.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$33,681
	2017-2021	\$41,957
Adult unemployment	2017	5.0%
	2021	4.0%
Child homelessness	2017	1.3%
	2021	2.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	73.1
	2022	55.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	4.2%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.1
	2021	94.5

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	16.8
	2017-2021	30.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.4%
	2017-2021	14.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	21.4
	2021	14.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.3%
	2021	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	8.8
	2021	12.1

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	12.2
	2017-2021	9.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.8
	2017-2021	55.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.5
	2017-2021	58.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	43.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	27.5*
	2016-2020	31.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	68.1
	2016-2020	114.8
Uninsured children	2016	7.6%
	2020	7.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.6%
	2021	93.7%

<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).