

Adair County

County Seat: Kirksville

County
Composite
Rank

39

2020

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2024

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	897	1,040	19.9%	24.0%	↓	16.8%	86
Food insecurity for children ^b	840	460	18.3%	9.8%	↑	12.8%	20
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	109	117	8.3%	8.2%	↑	8.9%	70
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	29	34	6.2	7.6	↓	6.3	99
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	15	9	3.2	2.0	↑	5.1	38
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	17	10	10.7	6.4	↑	16.8	4
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	43	65	9.2	14.6	↓	2.7	114
Education							
High school graduation	217	178	92.3%	86.4%	↓	91.2%	111
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	76	74	38.2	41.1		41.0%	50
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	69	81	34.3	37.3		41.9%	71
4th grade math (MAP)	78	71	35.1	35.1		43.0%	100
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	77	90	57.5	41.9		41.2%	37

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	25,325	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	105.7
	2021	25,165		2023	140.4
Child population under 18	2018	4,655	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	35.6%
	2022	4,446		2023	28.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	17.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	17.7%		2022	91.7
Child population under 6	2018	1,482	Family & Community		
	2022	1,584	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	47.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	5.8%		2018-2022	29.0
	2022	6.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	5.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	572		2018-2022	10.3%
	2022	736	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	33.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	12.3%		2022	44.6
	2022	16.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	203		2022	1.5%
	2022	347	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	11.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	13.7%		2022	18.0
	2022	21.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.3
	2018-2022	13.5%		2018-2022	7.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	71.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	47.9
	2018-2022	78.5%		2018-2022	38.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	42.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.0%		2018-2022	29.5
	2022	16.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	70.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	18.6%		2018-2022	76.5
	2022	21.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	29.6%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	29.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	11.8**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	34.7%		2017-2021	6.5**
	2018-2022	31.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	65.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	33.9%		2017-2021	92.1
	2022	29.3%	Uninsured children	2017	5.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$60,825		2021	6.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$72,550	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.5%		2022	90.1%
	2022	3.0%	^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 occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%			
	2022	1.9%			