

Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

County
Composite
Rank

78 ²⁰²⁰

82 ²⁰²⁴

Population: 20,224

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,094	857	33.7%	25.1%	↑	16.8%	91
Food insecurity for children ^b	720	680	21.5%	20.4%	↑	12.8%	108
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	60	54	7.5%	6.6%	↑	8.9%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	30	20	9.2	5.7	↑	6.3	66
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	8	9	2.4	2.6	↓	5.1	48
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	14	44.1	29.9	↑	16.8	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	20	7	6.0	2.0	↑	2.7	25
Education							
High school graduation	153	147	90.0%	96.1%	↑	91.2%	28
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	74	72	46.3	43.9		41.0%	36
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	76	73	45.2	33.0		41.9%	94
4th grade math (MAP)	79	65	41.8	35.7		43.0%	96
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	72	59	47.4	28.2		41.2%	94

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	18,989	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	90.4
	2021	20,224		2023	73.3
Child population under 18	2018	3,328	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	3,491		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	17.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.6
	2022	17.3%		2022	92.9
Child population under 6	2018	1,013	Family & Community		
	2022	1,010	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	61.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	5.3%		2018-2022	59.4
	2022	5.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	5.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	258		2018-2022	7.5%
	2022	374	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	43.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.8%		2022	13.5
	2022	10.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	84		2022	1.0%
	2022	112	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.3%		2022	5.2
	2022	11.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.5
	2018-2022	24.6%		2018-2022	3.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	71.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	30.0
	2018-2022	70.2%		2018-2022	48.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	7.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	22.8%		2018-2022	51.9
	2022	19.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	124.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	31.8%		2018-2022	31.5
	2022	23.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	27.4%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	23.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	38.1*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	54.5%		2017-2021	5.4**
	2018-2022	42.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	148.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	40.8%		2017-2021	162.8
	2022	33.2%	Uninsured children	2017	6.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$42,930		2021	7.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$61,053	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	4.5%		2022	92.5%
	2022	3.6%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	5.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	4.8%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		