

Boone County

County Seat: Columbia

County
Composite
Rank

29 ²⁰²⁰

34 ²⁰²⁴

Population: 187,690

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	4,720	4,631	13.2%	12.7%	↑	16.8%	14
Food insecurity for children ^b	5,400	3,710	15.2%	9.9%	↑	12.8%	21
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	847	870	8.0%	8.7%	↓	8.9%	78
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	296	255	8.2	6.8	↑	6.3	87
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	232	182	6.4	4.9	↑	5.1	94
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	73	61	9.5	7.1	↑	16.8	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	134	110	3.7	3.0	↑	2.7	45
Education							
High school graduation	1,583	1,689	89.9%	90.7%	↑	91.2%	87
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	843	685	47.2	37.5		41.0%	68
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	843	795	48.4	43.8		41.9%	35
4th grade math (MAP)	910	748	48.5	41.2		43.0%	66
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	875	731	49.1	37.5		41.2%	57

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	176,515	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	179.2
	2021	187,690		2023	177.2
Child population under 18	2018	36,565	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	29.0%
	2022	37,244		2023	12.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	20.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.3
	2022	19.8%		2022	91.1
Child population under 6	2018	12,634	Family & Community		
	2022	11,984	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	26.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.0%		2018-2022	33.3
	2022	6.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	10,198		2018-2022	12.9%
	2022	12,007	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	26.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	27.9%		2022	36.2
	2022	32.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	3,558		2022	2.3%
	2022	4,004	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	28.2%		2022	3.0
	2022	33.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.5
	2018-2022	19.8%		2018-2022	5.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.5
	2018-2022	72.1%		2018-2022	30.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	15.9%		2018-2022	28.4
	2022	13.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.7
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	12.1%		2018-2022	40.5
	2022	12.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	30.4%		2018-2022	80.0%
	2018-2022	31.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	23.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	29.6%		2017-2021	22.1
	2018-2022	24.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	99.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	26.5%		2017-2021	115.6
	2022	24.7%	Uninsured children	2017	5.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$68,399		2021	6.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$97,158	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.3%		2022	89.1%
	2022	2.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	1.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	0.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		