

# Caldwell County

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Composite  
Rank

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County Seat: Kingston

Population: 8,933

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	417	372	19.6%	18.2%	↑	16.8%	40
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	380	280	17.3%	13.1%	↑	12.8%	52
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	40	45	8.6%	8.8%	↓	8.9%	80
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	14	9	6.4	4.3	↑	6.3	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	7	10	3.2	4.8	↓	5.1	93
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	7	29.0	24.2	↑	16.8	71
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	5	16	2.3	7.7	↓	2.7	100
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	122	98	95.3%	94.2%	↓	91.2%	52
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	52	51	44.4	45.5		41.0%	31
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	54	41	46.2	35.0		41.9%	84
4th grade math (MAP)	55	42	44.4	38.9		43.0%	79
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	69	66	56.1	46.5		41.2%	17

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2017 and 2021.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

<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 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	9,049	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	23.1
	2021	8,933		2023	38.3
Child population under 18	2018	2,165	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	40.0%
	2022	2,087		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	23.4%		2022	94.0
Child population under 6	2018	623	Family & Community		
	2022	602	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.8%		2018-2022	128.8
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.7%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2018	107		2018-2022	13.3%
	2022	219	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	28.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	4.9%		2022	24.1
	2022	10.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2018	27		2022	0.4%
	2022	67	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	4.3%		2022	8.6
	2022	11.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	25.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.3
	2018-2022	18.3%		2018-2022	3.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.3
	2018-2022	65.1%		2018-2022	70.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	20.7%		2018-2022	38.0
	2022	19.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	17.7%		2018-2022	194.2
	2022	17.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.7%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	19.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2016	8.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	37.6%		2017-2021	27.5**
	2018-2022	35.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	60.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	27.2%		2017-2021	101.0
	2022	21.1%	Uninsured children	2017	7.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$61,875		2021	11.1%
	2018-2022	\$\$71,292	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%		2022	93.9%
	2022	2.8%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	1.8%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	2.7%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		