

Chariton County

County
Composite
Rank

21 ²⁰²⁰

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County Seat: Keytesville

Population: 7,386

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	322	269	19.3%	16.2%	↑	16.8%	28
Food insecurity for children ^b	280	210	16.2%	12.4%	↑	12.8%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	29	30	6.5%	7.3%	↓	8.9%	31
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	6	17	3.5	10.1	↓	6.3	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	4	1	2.3	0.6	↑	5.1	7
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	7	24.5	35.5	↓	16.8	105
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	6	5	3.5	3.0	↑	2.7	46
Education							
High school graduation	78	80	98.7%	97.6%	↓	91.2%	10
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	31	23	50.0	31.5		41.0%	98
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	34	32	38.2	37.2		41.9%	72
4th grade math (MAP)	36	38	44.4	54.3		43.0%	14
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	24	35	32.9	36.1		41.2%	66

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	7,546	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	106.0
	2021	7,386		2023	83.0
Child population under 18	2018	1,698	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	17.8%
	2022	1,687		2023	22.9%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.9
	2022	22.8%		2022	94.6
Child population under 6	2018	552	Family & Community		
	2022	498	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.4%		2018-2022	44.6
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	4.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	111		2018-2022	8.3%
	2022	127	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	3.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	6.5%		2022	1.3
	2022	7.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	32		2022	0.6%
	2022	29	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	2.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	5.8%		2022	5.9
	2022	5.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	18.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.0
	2018-2022	14.6%		2018-2022	2.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	79.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
	2018-2022	76.5%		2018-2022	24.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.7%		2018-2022	15.2
	2022	27.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	18.6%		2018-2022	67.1
	2022	15.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	17.9%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	14.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	0.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	37.6%		2017-2021	23.0**
	2018-2022	31.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	73.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	22.6%		2017-2021	139.1
	2022	19.0%	Uninsured children	2017	6.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$65,833		2021	8.7%
	2018-2022	\$\$84,211	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.8%		2022	93.3%
	2022	2.1%	^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	1.2%			