

# Cooper County

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Composite  
Rank

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County Seat: Boonville

Population: 16,772

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	753	545	20.7%	15.1%	↑	16.8%	24
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	610	430	15.7%	11.1%	↑	12.8%	32
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	70	64	7.2%	6.7%	↑	8.9%	22
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	35	18	9.1	4.9	↑	6.3	46
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	21	15	5.5	4.1	↑	5.1	82
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	8	19.9	16.1	↑	16.8	36
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	10	13	2.7	3.5	↓	2.7	54
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	197	191	98.0%	91.0%	↓	91.2%	84
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	57	44	37.7	27.0		41.0%	108
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	70	53	37.4	27.7		41.9%	111
4th grade math (MAP)	47	55	23.6	34.0		43.0%	101
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	92	57	42.4	35.2		41.2%	70

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	17,622	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	82.7
	2021	16,772		2023	73.3
Child population under 18	2018	3,762	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	12.9%
	2022	3,697		2023	7.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.6
	2022	22.0%		2022	93.3
Child population under 6	2018	1,122	Family & Community		
	2022	1,187	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	19.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.4%		2018-2022	37.6
	2022	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.7%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2018	425		2018-2022	13.9%
	2022	489	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	39.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	11.3%		2022	79.7
	2022	13.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.4%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2018	135		2022	1.0%
	2022	148	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	12.0%		2022	1.9
	2022	12.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	33.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.2
	2018-2022	19.0%		2018-2022	2.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.9
	2018-2022	67.8%		2018-2022	11.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.8%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	27.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	61.7
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	17.8%		2018-2022	60.6
	2022	15.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	23.7%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	21.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2016	4.7**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	37.6%		2017-2021	25.8*
	2018-2022	31.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	81.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	28.9%		2017-2021	150.8
	2022	22.2%	Uninsured children	2017	5.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$63,488		2021	6.3%
	2018-2022	\$\$74,769	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.9%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%		2022	92.3%
	2022	2.4%	<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	1.0%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	1.8%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		