

Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

County
Composite
Rank

58 ²⁰²⁰

60 ²⁰²⁴

Population: 11,975

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	840	669	29.5%	25.1%	↑	16.8%	91
Food insecurity for children ^b	630	430	22.0%	16.3%	↑	12.8%	91
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	42	43	5.5%	6.1%	↓	8.9%	11
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	9	6	3.1	2.2	↑	6.3	4
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	7	1	2.4	0.4	↑	5.1	5
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	9	20.5	23.4	↓	16.8	66
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	19	21	6.5	7.7	↓	2.7	101
Education							
High school graduation	99	83	99.0%	91.2%	↓	91.2%	83
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	55	49	45.8	41.9		41.0%	46
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	63	43	54.3	37.7		41.9%	68
4th grade math (MAP)	52	45	43.3	42.1		43.0%	60
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	55	52	59.8	46.8		41.2%	15

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	13,374	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	57.9
	2021	11,975		2023	49.0
Child population under 18	2018	2,919	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	2,737		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.2
	2022	22.9%		2022	92.5
Child population under 6	2018	911	Family & Community		
	2022	818	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	139.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.8%		2018-2022	87.0
	2022	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	5.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	171		2018-2022	10.8%
	2022	264	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	21.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.9%		2022	11.3
	2022	9.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	64		2022	0.0%
	2022	88	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	7.0%		2022	10.6
	2022	10.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	25.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.3
	2018-2022	28.7%		2018-2022	8.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	73.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.2
	2018-2022	69.6%		2018-2022	53.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	40.6%		2018-2022	39.0
	2022	22.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	82.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	27.8%		2018-2022	109.1
	2022	24.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	27.8%		2018-2022	75.0%
	2018-2022	25.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	6.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	56.1%		2017-2021	42.2*
	2018-2022	43.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	61.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	41.8%		2017-2021	92.9
	2022	35.9%	Uninsured children	2017	6.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$38,152		2021	6.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$62,254	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	4.6%		2022	91.5%
	2022	2.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%	^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).		