

Dunklin County

County
Composite
Rank

113²⁰²⁰

109²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Kennett

Population: 27,406

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,785	2,394	38.1%	34.6%	↑	16.8%	111
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,980	1,550	24.7%	20.8%	↑	12.8%	109
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	259	228	12.2%	12.5%	↓	8.9%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	113	42	14.5	5.9	↑	6.3	69
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	59	18	7.6	2.5	↑	5.1	46
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	57	32	59.3	34.8	↑	16.8	104
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	26	21	3.5	3.0	↑	2.7	44
Education							
High school graduation	323	301	92.6%	95.0%	↑	91.2%	41
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	168	119	42.6	29.3		41.0%	106
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	142	107	36.9	28.5		41.9%	109
4th grade math (MAP)	193	126	46.5	38.1		43.0%	83
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	131	80	39.6	31.9		41.2%	83

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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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	30,428	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	86.8
	2021	27,406		2023	97.8
Child population under 18	2018	7,526	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	8.9%
	2022	7,118		2023	9.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	26.0%		2022	92.6
Child population under 6	2018	2,454	Family & Community		
	2022	2,216	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	53.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.3%		2018-2022	11.2
	2022	8.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	12.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	2,204		2018-2022	22.6%
	2022	2,334	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	14.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	29.3%		2022	18.2
	2022	32.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	790		2022	0.9%
	2022	792	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	10.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	32.2%		2022	12.8
	2022	35.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	42.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.0
	2018-2022	32.4%		2018-2022	7.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	56.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	27.5
	2018-2022	50.3%		2018-2022	17.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	24.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	38.4%		2018-2022	14.5
	2022	28.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	44.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	36.7%		2018-2022	32.5
	2022	32.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	27.7%		2018-2022	50.0%
	2018-2022	24.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	73.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	56.9%		2017-2021	19.1*
	2018-2022	49.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	185.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	62.1%		2017-2021	136.1
	2022	60.8%	Uninsured children	2017	5.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$36,313		2021	6.8%
	2018-2022	\$\$52,382	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2018	5.5%		2022	91.8%
	2022	4.0%	^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	1.0%			
	2022	1.0%			