Greene County
County Seat: Springfield

County Composite Rank: **37** 2020 · **28** 2024

Population: 303,293

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	9,804	10,365	16.5%	17.1%	↓	16.8%	36
Food insecurity for children [b]	10,610	7,020	17.6%	11.3%	↑	12.8%	34
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	1,325	1,348	7.5%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	67
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	292	285	4.8	4.6	↑	6.3	33
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	161	113	2.7	1.8	↑	5.1	34
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	208	194	21.6	19.7	↑	16.8	54
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	253	207	4.2	3.3	↑	2.7	50
Education							
High school graduation	2,546	2,757	88.7%	94.4%	↑	91.2%	48
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,539	1,228	48.9	43.5		41.0%	39
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,511	1,549	50.7	49.6		41.9%	10
4th grade math (MAP)	1,336	1,285	40.8	44.5		43.0%	46
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	1,319	1,195	43.3	39.2		41.2%	46

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.

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	288,429
	2021	303,293
Child population under 18	2018	60,957
	2022	62,165
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.0%
	2022	20.5%
Child population under 6	2018	21,157
	2022	19,765
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%
	2022	6.5%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	9,941
	2022	12,902
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	16.3%
	2022	20.8%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	3,593
	2022	4,278
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	17.0%
	2022	21.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.4%
	2018-2022	20.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	67.5%
	2018-2022	69.4%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	12.5%
	2022	20.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	16.7%
	2022	15.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	30.1%
	2018-2022	31.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	39.9%
	2018-2022	32.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	33.0%
	2022	28.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$55,169
	2018-2022	$$74,704
Adult unemployment	2018	2.6%
	2022	2.0%
Child homelessness	2018	6.8%
	2022	3.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	114.3
	2023	103.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	18.1%
	2023	13.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.1
	2022	92.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	34.7
	2018-2022	36.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.0%
	2018-2022	12.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	18.4
	2022	11.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.5%
	2022	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	5.4
	2022	5.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.5
	2018-2022	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	20.6
	2018-2022	19.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.8
	2018-2022	13.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	45.9
	2018-2022	47.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	66.7%
	2018-2022	44.4%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	48.7
	2017-2021	29.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	128.5
	2017-2021	149.2
Uninsured children	2017	4.8%
	2021	5.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	92.9%
	2022	90.5%

[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).