Harrison County
County Seat: Bethany

County Composite Rank **74** 2020 **72** 2024

Population: 8,199

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	449	462	22.5%	23.3%	↓	16.8%	80
Food insecurity for children [b]	420	290	19.8%	14.2%	↑	12.8%	66
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	40	29	7.4%	6.4%	↑	8.9%	16
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	16	12	7.7	5.9	↑	6.3	70
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	7	8	3.4	4.0	↓	5.1	81
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	-	20.7	0.0	↑	16.8	1
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	19	6	9.3	3.0	↑	2.7	47
Education							
High school graduation	89	88	94.7%	89.8%	↓	91.2%	94
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	61	49	56.0	50.0		41.0%	12
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	25	36	26.9	34.0		41.9%	87
4th grade math (MAP)	64	37	57.1	39.8		43.0%	73
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	50	36	48.5	39.1		41.2%	47

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	8,554
	2021	8,199
Child population under 18	2018	2,034
	2022	2,017
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.5%
	2022	24.6%
Child population under 6	2018	644
	2022	552
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%
	2022	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	135
	2022	187
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	6.6%
	2022	9.3%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	38
	2022	34
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	5.9%
	2022	6.2%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	34.5%
	2018-2022	18.2%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	64.8%
	2018-2022	62.0%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	27.2%
	2022	22.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.8%
	2022	20.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.1%
	2018-2022	23.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	49.0%
	2018-2022	46.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	34.3%
	2022	25.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$48,179
	2018-2022	$$57,188
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.4%
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%
	2022	0.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	39.3
	2023	24.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.9
	2022	93.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
	2018-2022	100.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.7%
	2018-2022	15.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	36.5
	2022	43.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.3%
	2022	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	10.3
	2022	6.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	3.7
	2018-2022	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	9.4
	2018-2022	41.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.3
	2018-2022	39.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
	2018-2022	49.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	—%
	2018-2022	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	8.7**
	2017-2021	0.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	99.6
	2017-2021	111.1
Uninsured children	2017	8.2%
	2021	6.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
	2022	92.5%

[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).