

# Iron County

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Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	612	501	29.8%	26.1%	↑	16.8%	98
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	500	410	23.6%	19.7%	↑	12.8%	103
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	47	47	9.3%	9.9%	↓	8.9%	103
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	8	15	3.7	7.6	↓	6.3	98
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	7	10	3.3	5.1	↓	5.1	96
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	6	45.6	22.1	↑	16.8	63
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	14	20	6.6	10.2	↓	2.7	110
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	116	123	96.7%	95.3%	↓	91.2%	36
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	71	47	46.7	38.5		41.0%	64
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	81	58	59.1	38.9		41.9%	60
4th grade math (MAP)	89	58	60.5	48.3		43.0%	33
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	57	58	37.7	27.8		41.2%	97

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	10,221	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	37.5
	2021	9,414		2023	20.4
Child population under 18	2018	2,131	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	1,963		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	20.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	20.9%		2022	93.6
Child population under 6	2018	622	Family & Community		
	2022	574	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	62.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.1%		2018-2022	68.5
	2022	6.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.3%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2018	145		2018-2022	15.8%
	2022	180	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	1.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	6.8%		2022	1.0
	2022	9.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2018	35		2022	0.3%
	2022	47	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	16.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	5.6%		2022	16.8
	2022	8.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.9
	2018-2022	28.0%		2018-2022	10.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	37.5
	2018-2022	60.9%		2018-2022	0.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.8%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	34.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	142.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	27.0%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	25.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	18.6%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	23.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2016	16.7**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	49.3%		2017-2021	9.8**
	2018-2022	48.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	155.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	47.3%		2017-2021	114.1
	2022	43.3%	Uninsured children	2017	5.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$44,229		2021	7.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$66,065	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.2%
Adult unemployment	2018	5.4%		2022	94.1%
	2022	4.0%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages. <sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period. <sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	1.7%			
	2022	1.7%			