

# Marion County

County  
Composite  
Rank

25 <sup>2020</sup>

62 <sup>2024</sup>

County Seat: Palmyra

Population: 28,438

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,233	1,012	19.0%	15.8%	↑	16.8%	27
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,300	930	19.1%	13.8%	↑	12.8%	64
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	142	151	7.7%	9.0%	↓	8.9%	91
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	38	48	5.7	7.3	↓	6.3	92
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	26	22	3.9	3.4	↑	5.1	64
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	24	11	27.2	11.4	↑	16.8	19
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	114	35	17.1	5.3	↑	2.7	82
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	348	330	91.3%	93.8%	↑	91.2%	58
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	202	165	54.7	46.1		41.0%	29
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	162	130	42.7	35.4		41.9%	83
4th grade math (MAP)	195	143	53.1	45.7		43.0%	41
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	142	174	45.5	46.2		41.2%	19

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

Total population	2018	28,672
	2021	28,438
Child population under 18	2018	6,649
	2022	6,552
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.0%
	2022	23.0%
Child population under 6	2018	2,201
	2022	2,011
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%
	2022	7.1%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2018	816
	2022	1,018
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	12.3%
	2022	15.5%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2018	271
	2022	373
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	12.3%
	2022	18.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	39.7%
	2018-2022	27.6%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	60.0%
	2018-2022	61.4%
<b>Economic Well-being</b>		
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.0%
	2022	16.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	17.7%
	2022	14.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.5%
	2018-2022	20.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	44.3%
	2018-2022	41.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	35.5%
	2022	31.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$48,771
	2018-2022	\$\$65,837
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.4%
Child homelessness	2018	3.1%
	2022	1.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	96.6
	2023	106.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	50.2%
	2023	40.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
	2022	93.1

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	61.5
	2018-2022	54.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	10.6%
	2018-2022	18.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	29.1
	2022	54.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.4%
	2022	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	11.7
	2022	11.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.4
	2018-2022	7.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	20.7
	2018-2022	28.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	14.3
	2018-2022	27.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	50.6
	2018-2022	33.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2017	—%
	2018-2022	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2016	7.9**
	2017-2021	14.4*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	58.3
	2017-2021	80.8
Uninsured children	2017	4.4%
	2021	5.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.3%
	2022	91.4%

<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).