

Perry County

County Seat: Perryville

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	648	579	14.9%	14.1%	↑	16.8%	20
Food insecurity for children ^b	650	370	14.1%	8.4%	↑	12.8%	8
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	68	61	6.2%	5.8%	↑	8.9%	8
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	20	20	4.4	4.8	↓	6.3	41
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	5	2.7	1.2	↑	5.1	16
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	9	20.2	15.5	↑	16.8	34
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	29	10	6.5	2.4	↑	2.7	29
Education							
High school graduation	193	164	87.3%	90.1%	↑	91.2%	92
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	88	58	51.2	39.5		41.0%	58
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	100	68	60.6	40.7		41.9%	49
4th grade math (MAP)	66	59	35.9	39.9		43.0%	72
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	74	38	38.7	25.7		41.2%	100

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	19,146	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	133.3
	2021	18,858		2023	124.8
Child population under 18	2018	4,470	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	18.8%
	2022	4,199		2023	11.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	22.3%		2022	92.5
Child population under 6	2018	1,362	Family & Community		
	2022	1,260	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	50.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.1%		2018-2022	63.4
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	318		2018-2022	8.4%
	2022	361	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	15.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.1%		2022	40.3
	2022	8.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	3.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	113		2022	2.2%
	2022	131	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.3%		2022	3.8
	2022	10.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	3.7
	2018-2022	12.0%		2018-2022	7.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	70.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	4.4
	2018-2022	81.2%		2018-2022	20.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	24.8%		2018-2022	18.9
	2022	24.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	13.3%		2018-2022	24.5
	2022	13.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	20.9%		2018-2022	60.0%
	2018-2022	23.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	11.8**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	32.9%		2017-2021	27.2*
	2018-2022	30.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	70.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	24.3%		2017-2021	64.9
	2022	21.7%	Uninsured children	2017	4.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$66,283		2021	7.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$85,833	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.8%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.3%		2022	91.2%
	2022	2.1%	^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	2.3%			
	2022	2.5%			