

Phelps County

County Seat: Rolla

County
Composite
Rank

49 ²⁰²⁰

40 ²⁰²⁴

Population: 45,313

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,952	1,683	21.8%	18.3%	↑	16.8%	41
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,710	1,300	18.1%	13.6%	↑	12.8%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	197	168	7.7%	7.8%	↓	8.9%	51
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	44	45	4.7	4.7	↓	6.3	38
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	39	31	4.2	3.3	↑	5.1	61
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	26	39	17.9	26.5	↓	16.8	81
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	42	68	4.5	7.2	↓	2.7	97
Education							
High school graduation	430	477	89.4%	93.7%	↑	91.2%	60
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	265	184	57.1	44.0		41.0%	35
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	272	207	54.9	38.1		41.9%	65
4th grade math (MAP)	264	212	49.8	47.3		43.0%	36
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	183	176	35.3	34.0		41.2%	76

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	44,789	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	29.0
	2021	45,313		2023	29.1
Child population under 18	2018	9,324	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	9,491		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	21.0%		2022	93.1
Child population under 6	2018	2,982	Family & Community		
	2022	2,761	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.7%		2018-2022	70.4
	2022	6.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,094		2018-2022	14.8%
	2022	1,427	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	19.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	11.7%		2022	23.0
	2022	15.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	450		2022	1.4%
	2022	513	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	10.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	15.1%		2022	14.2
	2022	18.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.8
	2018-2022	24.4%		2018-2022	7.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	12.7
	2018-2022	67.5%		2018-2022	39.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	27.8%		2018-2022	27.1
	2022	21.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.4%		2018-2022	93.9
	2022	16.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	26.5%		2018-2022	66.7%
	2018-2022	31.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	52.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	40.2%		2017-2021	39.9
	2018-2022	33.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	119.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	31.3%		2017-2021	161.9
	2022	26.7%	Uninsured children	2017	6.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$51,146		2021	7.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$66,605	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.5%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%		2022	93.0%
	2022	2.5%	^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).		
Child homelessness	2018	2.1%			
	2022	1.0%			