

Pike County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Bowling Green

Population: 17,664

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	812	785	20.5%	20.1%	↑	16.8%	61
Food insecurity for children ^b	730	560	17.9%	13.6%	↑	12.8%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	87	87	8.0%	8.6%	↓	8.9%	76
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	30	28	7.3	7.0	↑	6.3	89
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	28	11	6.8	2.7	↑	5.1	53
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	7	23.1	14.9	↑	16.8	32
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	27	19	6.6	4.7	↑	2.7	75
Education							
High school graduation	148	174	93.7%	92.6%	↓	91.2%	68
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	107	83	50.0	43.2		41.0%	41
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	91	81	47.4	47.6		41.9%	15
4th grade math (MAP)	99	88	59.6	52.7		43.0%	16
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	72	95	38.7	38.9		41.2%	49

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	18,489	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	162.1
	2021	17,664		2023	162.0
Child population under 18	2018	4,072	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	8.5%
	2022	4,012		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	22.7%		2022	93.1
Child population under 6	2018	1,345	Family & Community		
	2022	1,217	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	91.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%		2018-2022	19.1
	2022	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	419		2018-2022	16.8%
	2022	462	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	34.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	10.3%		2022	23.3
	2022	11.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	153		2022	1.6%
	2022	142	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	11.4%		2022	2.2
	2022	11.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	1.8
	2018-2022	22.5%		2018-2022	4.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	67.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.0
	2018-2022	62.6%		2018-2022	0.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	41.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	21.4%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	16.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	111.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.8%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	19.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	18.9%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	18.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	9.0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	43.5%		2017-2021	14.4**
	2018-2022	34.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	70.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	31.2%		2017-2021	101.8
	2022	27.2%	Uninsured children	2017	6.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$55,745		2021	7.4%
	Adult unemployment	2018	3.6%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018
2022		2.5%	2022		92.2%
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%	^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).		
	2022	2.4%			