

Ralls County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: New London

Population: 10,420

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	283	273	13.3%	13.1%	↑	16.8%	15
Food insecurity for children ^b	380	170	17.1%	7.6%	↑	12.8%	4
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	47	50	9.4%	10.4%	↓	8.9%	107
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	9	5	4.1	2.3	↑	6.3	8
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	6	2	2.7	0.9	↑	5.1	11
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	2	30.7	6.7	↑	16.8	5
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	12	6	5.6	2.8	↑	2.7	38
Education							
High school graduation	66	66	94.3%	100.0%	↑	91.2%	1
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	28	20	48.3	37.0		41.0%	70
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	32	20	53.3	29.0		41.9%	106
4th grade math (MAP)	46	26	68.7	41.3		43.0%	64
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	18	26	30.5	48.1		41.2%	11

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	10,217	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	37.2
	2021	10,420		2023	37.5
Child population under 18	2018	2,153	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	25.0%
	2022	2,133		2023	25.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.6
	2022	20.5%		2022	94.2
Child population under 6	2018	599	Family & Community		
	2022	630	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	32.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	5.9%		2018-2022	146.8
	2022	6.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	125		2018-2022	7.8%
	2022	153	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	10.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.8%		2022	27.3
	2022	7.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	37		2022	0.0%
	2022	37	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	2.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	6.2%		2022	1.4
	2022	5.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	2.0
	2018-2022	18.6%		2018-2022	2.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	27.3
	2018-2022	75.5%		2018-2022	39.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	33.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.1%		2018-2022	24.5
	2022	16.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	11.7%		2018-2022	99.0
	2022	11.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	19.8%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	21.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	16.4**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	32.5%		2017-2021	0.0**
	2018-2022	25.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	36.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	24.0%		2017-2021	57.1
	2022	21.7%	Uninsured children	2017	6.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$60,426		2021	6.8%
	2018-2022	\$\$86,016	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.4%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.8%		2022	93.5%
	2022	2.3%	^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	1.6%			
	2022	1.3%			