

# Ray County

County Seat: Richmond

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Composite  
Rank

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Population: 23,107

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	738	851	14.6%	16.7%	↓	16.8%	32
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,080	650	20.4%	12.3%	↑	12.8%	44
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	94	88	7.3%	6.9%	↑	8.9%	25
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	25	28	4.8	5.4	↓	6.3	60
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	16	24	3.1	4.6	↓	5.1	88
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	9	31.9	13.4	↑	16.8	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	20	12	3.9	2.3	↑	2.7	28
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	216	197	94.7%	87.9%	↓	91.2%	106
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	103	84	42.0	36.4		41.0%	76
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	120	108	49.6	45.6		41.9%	23
4th grade math (MAP)	100	82	42.4	42.3		43.0%	58
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	120	118	41.2	42.0		41.2%	35

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	22,825
	2021	23,107
Child population under 18	2018	5,143
	2022	5,203
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.9%
	2022	22.5%
Child population under 6	2018	1,525
	2022	1,623
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.7%
	2022	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2018	394
	2022	532
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	7.7%
	2022	10.2%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2018	123
	2022	172
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2018	8.1%
	2022	10.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.1%
	2018-2022	18.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.7%
	2018-2022	71.5%
<b>Economic Well-being</b>		
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	20.7%
	2022	19.4%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	12.6%
	2022	14.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	23.6%
	2018-2022	19.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	29.3%
	2018-2022	29.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	26.7%
	2022	23.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$68,713
	2018-2022	\$\$81,754
Adult unemployment	2018	3.6%
	2022	3.3%
Child homelessness	2018	0.7%
	2022	1.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	16.7
	2023	20.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
	2022	93.2

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	53.1
	2018-2022	56.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.4%
	2018-2022	11.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	52.2
	2022	29.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.4%
	2022	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	1.2
	2022	0.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.4
	2018-2022	3.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.7
	2018-2022	32.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.6
	2018-2022	34.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	40.0
	2018-2022	21.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2017	—%
	2018-2022	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2016	10.1**
	2017-2021	22.2*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	96.5
	2017-2021	103.6
Uninsured children	2017	5.2%
	2021	7.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.8%
	2022	91.8%

<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).