

Ripley County

County Seat: Doniphan

County
Composite
Rank

114²⁰²⁰

113²⁰²⁴

Population: 10,703

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,009	802	34.0%	32.3%	↑	16.8%	109
Food insecurity for children ^b	710	450	22.3%	17.2%	↑	12.8%	96
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	88	66	10.4%	9.0%	↑	8.9%	87
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	51	27	16.5	10.5	↑	6.3	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	18	3.9	7.0	↓	5.1	109
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	12	35.2	42.0	↓	16.8	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	11	22	3.6	8.6	↓	2.7	106
Education							
High school graduation	105	116	92.1%	84.7%	↓	91.2%	113
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	79	53	46.2	32.7		41.0%	94
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	67	68	41.9	36.8		41.9%	73
4th grade math (MAP)	54	66	30.9	39.1		43.0%	76
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	46	53	37.7	35.6		41.2%	68

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	13,693	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	59.2
	2021	10,703		2023	48.0
Child population under 18	2018	3,075	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	2,564		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.4
	2022	24.0%		2022	92.9
Child population under 6	2018	988	Family & Community		
	2022	822	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	103.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.4%		2018-2022	61.3
	2022	7.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	166		2018-2022	8.0%
	2022	204	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	24.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.4%		2022	23.3
	2022	8.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	69		2022	3.1%
	2022	73	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	10.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	7.0%		2022	16.8
	2022	8.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.7
	2018-2022	24.1%		2018-2022	4.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	67.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	81.3
	2018-2022	68.0%		2018-2022	49.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	67.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.8%		2018-2022	49.5
	2022	34.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	155.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	32.1%		2018-2022	50.3
	2022	32.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	83.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.0%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	25.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	67.9*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	50.8%		2017-2021	30.6**
	2018-2022	50.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	129.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	55.5%		2017-2021	162.8
	2022	55.2%	Uninsured children	2017	6.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$43,958		2021	7.1%
	2018-2022	\$\$59,040	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.9%
Adult unemployment	2018	5.2%		2022	92.2%
	2022	3.2%	^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	5.0%			
	2022	3.5%			