

Saline County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Marshall

Population: 23,007

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	981	903	20.0%	19.2%	↑	16.8%	48
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,000	610	19.0%	11.4%	↑	12.8%	36
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	122	113	9.1%	8.9%	↑	8.9%	83
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	30	36	5.8	7.4	↓	6.3	93
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	26	27	5.0	5.5	↓	5.1	98
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	14	28.8	14.8	↑	16.8	31
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	39	35	7.6	7.2	↑	2.7	96
Education							
High school graduation	222	217	88.1%	85.8%	↓	91.2%	112
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	96	76	34.2	30.0		41.0%	104
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	114	75	43.7	28.6		41.9%	107
4th grade math (MAP)	68	64	27.1	25.6		43.0%	111
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	92	47	35.1	16.9		41.2%	112

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	23,102	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	51.0
	2021	23,007		2023	28.6
Child population under 18	2018	5,120	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	15.7%
	2022	4,891		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	21.3%		2022	93.5
Child population under 6	2018	1,573	Family & Community		
	2022	1,443	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	46.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.9%		2018-2022	9.4
	2022	6.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	10.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,333		2018-2022	10.2%
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2022	1,530	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	42.1
	2018	26.0%		2022	51.2
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	418	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
	2022	485		2022	3.2%
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	26.6%	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.9
	2022	33.6%		2022	6.3
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	34.2%	Health		
	2018-2022	14.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	65.2%		2018-2022	8.7
	2018-2022	68.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.8%		2018-2022	4.3
	2022	27.8%	Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	4.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	18.5%		2018-2022	5.3
	2022	17.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	47.9
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.4%		2018-2022	0.0
	2018-2022	23.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	48.2%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	31.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	19.1*
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	35.7%		2017-2021	23.7*
	2022	32.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	127.5
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$42,422		Uninsured children	2017
	2018-2022	\$\$82,703	2021		7.0%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.5%
	2022	2.5%		2022	91.2%
Child homelessness	2018	10.8%	^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	5.4%			