

Washington County

County
Composite
Rank

92 ²⁰²⁰

104 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Potosi

Population: 23,441

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,546	1,311	27.9%	25.5%	↑	16.8%	96
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,260	1,010	21.9%	18.1%	↑	12.8%	101
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	167	126	11.4%	9.3%	↑	8.9%	92
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	28	44	4.8	8.3	↓	6.3	107
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	31	18	5.4	3.4	↑	5.1	65
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	26	26.8	36.2	↓	16.8	108
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	32	15	5.6	2.8	↑	2.7	40
Education							
High school graduation	233	217	97.5%	96.0%	↓	91.2%	30
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	119	56.7	49.6		41.0%	14
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	174	139	68.8	50.9		41.9%	8
4th grade math (MAP)	113	163	41.4	64.4		43.0%	6
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	78	76	29.3	31.0		41.2%	86

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	24,931	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	65.4
	2021	23,441		2023	66.5
Child population under 18	2018	5,688	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	5,280		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.5
	2022	22.5%		2022	92.8
Child population under 6	2018	1,773	Family & Community		
	2022	1,627	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.1%		2018-2022	27.3
	2022	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	280		2018-2022	14.4%
	2022	363	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	30.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	4.9%		2022	3.6
	2022	6.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	107		2022	0.3%
	2022	134	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	13.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	6.0%		2022	6.6
	2022	8.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.8
	2018-2022	27.9%		2018-2022	8.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	31.3
	2018-2022	61.2%		2018-2022	27.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	24.8%		2018-2022	24.8
	2022	23.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	61.7
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	25.2%		2018-2022	40.7
	2022	23.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.7%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	25.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	15.8*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	46.9%		2017-2021	43.7*
	2018-2022	49.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	95.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	47.3%		2017-2021	171.0
	2022	43.1%	Uninsured children	2017	4.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$45,775		2021	6.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$54,257	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	4.4%		2022	92.0%
	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	5.7%			
	2022	3.4%			