

Wright County

County
Composite
Rank

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2020

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County Seat: Hartville

Population: 19,156

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,832	1,552	39.9%	31.6%	↑	16.8%	107
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,070	780	23.5%	16.4%	↑	12.8%	92
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	89	91	7.1%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	34
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	38	24	8.2	4.8	↑	6.3	42
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	4	2.6	0.8	↑	5.1	10
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	19	37.8	28.4	↑	16.8	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	34	12	7.2	2.4	↑	2.7	30
Education							
High school graduation	211	222	98.6%	95.3%	↓	91.2%	36
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	148	85	60.9	39.7		41.0%	55
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	126	100	48.3	40.3		41.9%	53
4th grade math (MAP)	102	109	43.2	46.2		43.0%	40
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	81	119	39.9	40.2		41.2%	41

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

Total population	2018	18,293
	2021	19,156
Child population under 18	2018	4,703
	2022	5,029
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.8%
	2022	26.3%
Child population under 6	2018	1,581
	2022	1,585
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.6%
	2022	8.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	271
	2022	436
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.8%
	2022	8.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	102
	2022	131
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	6.5%
	2022	8.3%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	33.3%
	2018-2022	18.6%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.7%
	2018-2022	71.3%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	40.6%
	2022	22.9%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	37.6%
	2022	28.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.5%
	2018-2022	25.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	68.6%
	2018-2022	54.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	43.0%
	2022	33.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$33,681
	2018-2022	\$\$46,875
Adult unemployment	2018	4.1%
	2022	2.7%
Child homelessness	2018	1.7%
	2022	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	76.5
	2023	64.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	4.2%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	93.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	66.7
	2018-2022	43.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	10.8%
	2018-2022	13.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	25.8
	2022	22.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.2%
	2022	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	11.7
	2022	5.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.6
	2018-2022	11.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	30.8
	2018-2022	50.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	32.1
	2018-2022	56.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	24.7
	2018-2022	22.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	20.1*
	2017-2021	19.1*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	105.4
	2017-2021	122.9
Uninsured children	2017	8.0%
	2021	9.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.1%
	2022	93.0%

^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).