Adair County

County Seat: Kirksville

Population: 25,122

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	828	753	18.9%	16.9%	⬆	14.7%	46
Food insecurity for children [a]	670	730	14.9%	16.0%	⬇	18.7%	26
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	82	118	7.5%	8.3%	⬇	8.9%	68
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	31	34	6.8	7.4	⬇	7.1	88
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	14	1.5	3.1	⬇	5.5	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	9	6.7	5.8	⬆	15.9	9
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	31	53	6.8	11.6	⬇	2.9	109
Education							
High school graduation	189	202	88.7%	97.5%	⬆	91.3%	21
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	106	97	48.4%	48.5%	⬆	42.2%	21
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	88	62	42.3%	37.6%	⬇	42.3%	71
4th grade math (MAP)	84	72	42.4%	40.0%	⬇	43.7%	75
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	77	119	41.6%	54.8%	⬆	40.1%	11

[a] Data based on 2018 and 2022.
[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ⬆ better ⬇ worse ➡ no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2019	25,343
	2022	25,122
Child population under 18	2019	4,534
	2023	4,577
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	17.9%
	2023	18.2%
Child population under 6	2019	1,530
	2023	1,601
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.0%
	2023	6.4%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	554
	2023	791
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	12.2%
	2023	17.3%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	219
	2023	342
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	14.3%
	2023	21.4%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	29.2%
	2019-2023	10.7%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	69.7%
	2019-2023	79.4%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.7%
	2023	12.5%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	18.0%
	2023	16.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	32.3%
	2019-2023	26.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	33.6%
	2019-2023	32.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	31.0%
	2023	31.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$61,968
	2019-2023	$76,731
Adult unemployment	2019	3.9%
	2023	3.6%
Child homelessness	2019	0.0%
	2023	2.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	105.7
	2024	125.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	43.1%
	2024	30.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.2
	2023	92.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	55.2
	2019-2023	28.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	6.2%
	2019-2023	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	33.1
	2023	28.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.2%
	2023	2.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	11.7
	2023	17.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	5.2
	2019-2023	7.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	53.0
	2019-2023	41.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.4
	2019-2023	34.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	97.0
	2019-2023	73.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	8.2**
	2018-2022	6.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	57.8
	2018-2022	9.1
Uninsured children	2018	6.4%
	2022	5.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.4%
	2023	91.1%

[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).