Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

Population: 20,552

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	938	836	28.6%	24.0%	⬆	14.7%	94
Food insecurity for children [a]	800	840	23.9%	24.7%	⬇	18.7%	105
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	61	45	8.9%	5.6%	⬆	8.9%	9
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	33	19	9.8	5.3	⬆	7.1	38
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	6	7	1.8	2.0	⬇	5.5	34
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	10	23.1	20.5	⬆	15.9	65
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	20	23	5.9	6.5	⬇	2.9	89
Education							
High school graduation	161	171	96.4%	95.6%	⬇	91.3%	46
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	87	67	48.3%	44.4%	⬇	42.2%	39
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	75	56	39.1%	30.4%	⬇	42.3%	102
4th grade math (MAP)	63	77	37.5%	41.2%	⬆	43.7%	69
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	89	69	46.4%	31.4%	⬇	40.1%	85

[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	19,443
	2022	20,552
Child population under 18	2019	3,369
	2023	3,553
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	17.3%
	2023	17.3%
Child population under 6	2019	1,048
	2023	1,018
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	5.4%
	2023	5.0%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	250
	2023	379
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	7.4%
	2023	10.7%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	82
	2023	110
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	7.8%
	2023	10.8%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	28.3%
	2019-2023	24.8%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	70.8%
	2019-2023	64.2%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	25.7%
	2023	38.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	27.9%
	2023	22.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	27.2%
	2019-2023	23.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	47.8%
	2019-2023	45.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	35.5%
	2023	33.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$52,664
	2019-2023	$63,478
Adult unemployment	2019	4.8%
	2023	4.3%
Child homelessness	2019	7.5%
	2023	3.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	90.4
	2024	60.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.0
	2023	92.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	80.5
	2019-2023	39.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	4.4%
	2019-2023	8.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	55.6
	2023	10.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	3.3
	2023	8.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	7.1
	2019-2023	3.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	24.0
	2019-2023	53.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	6.5
	2019-2023	59.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	91.7
	2019-2023	29.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	0.0%
	2019-2023	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	19.7**
	2018-2022	5.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	136.2
	2018-2022	16.2
Uninsured children	2018	9.7%
	2022	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.5%
	2023	91.7%

[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).