# Boone County

## County Seat: Columbia

Population: 189,463

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2019 | 2023 | 2019 | 2023 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| **Economic Well-Being** | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 4,993 | 4,473 | 14.0% | 12.1% | ⬆ | 14.7% | 15 |
| Food insecurity for children [a] | 4,160 | 5,720 | 11.6% | 15.5% | ⬇ | 18.7% | 23 |
| **Health** | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants [b] | 720 | 862 | 8.7% | 8.8% | ⬇ | 8.9% | 84 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b] | 274 | 319 | 7.5 | 8.4 | ⬇ | 7.1 | 102 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a] | 239 | 186 | 6.5 | 4.9 | ⬆ | 5.5 | 94 |
| **Family & Community** | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 81 | 71 | 10.7 | 8.1 | ⬆ | 15.9 | 14 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) | 125 | 102 | 3.4 | 2.7 | ⬆ | 2.9 | 38 |
| **Education** | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 1,546 | 1,755 | 90.1% | 81.7% | ⬇ | 91.3% | 110 |
| Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 800 | 711 | 46.1% | 37.9% | ⬇ | 42.2% | 79 |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP) | 824 | 786 | 47.0% | 40.1% | ⬇ | 42.3% | 54 |
| 4th grade math (MAP) | 864 | 750 | 48.2% | 38.8% | ⬇ | 43.7% | 78 |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam) | 837 | 803 | 46.5% | 35.9% | ⬇ | 40.1% | 67 |

[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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### Demographics

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|---|---|---|
| Total population | 2019 | 180,463 |
| | 2022 | 189,463 |
| Child population under 18 | 2019 | 36,730 |
| | 2023 | 37,878 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2019 | 20.4% |
| | 2023 | 20.0% |
| Child population under 6 | 2019 | 12,612 |
| | 2023 | 11,905 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2019 | 7.0% |
| | 2023 | 6.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 [a] | 2019 | 10,140 |
| | 2023 | 12,467 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a] | 2019 | 27.6% |
| | 2023 | 32.9% |
| Minority child population under 6 [a] | 2019 | 3,524 |
| | 2023 | 3,928 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a] | 2019 | 27.9% |
| | 2023 | 33.0% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2013-2018 | 28.6% |
| | 2019-2023 | 22.3% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2013-2018 | 70.5% |
| | 2019-2023 | 68.9% |

### Economic Well-being

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| Children under 6 in families in poverty | 2019 | 10.8% |
| | 2023 | 17.3% |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty | 2019 | 13.5% |
| | 2023 | 10.9% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2013-2018 | 31.9% |
| | 2019-2023 | 30.4% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2013-2018 | 28.9% |
| | 2019-2023 | 24.0% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2019 | 25.6% |
| | 2023 | 23.8% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | $70,473 |
| | 2019-2023 | $103,545 |
| Adult unemployment | 2019 | 2.4% |
| | 2023 | 2.5% |
| Child homelessness | 2019 | 0.3% |
| | 2023 | 5.0% |

### Education

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| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2019 | 179.2 |
| | 2024 | 156.6 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2019 | 30.4% |
| | 2024 | 11.5% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2019 | 94.2 |
| | 2023 | 91.6 |

### Family & Community

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|---|---|---|
| Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 26.4 |
| | 2019-2023 | 36.9 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | 7.2% |
| | 2019-2023 | 14.2% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2019 | 29.5 |
| | 2023 | 33.8 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2019 | 2.5% |
| | 2023 | 1.8% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2019 | 4.4 |
| | 2023 | 3.5 |

### Health

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| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2013-2018 | 5.8 |
| | 2019-2023 | 5.6 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 21.2 |
| | 2019-2023 | 26.7 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 16.2 |
| | 2019-2023 | 22.6 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 31.7 |
| | 2019-2023 | 44.9 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b] | 2013-2018 | 66.7% |
| | 2019-2023 | 66.7% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c] | 2012-2017 | 19.2 |
| | 2018-2022 | 21.7 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2012-2017 | 93.6 |
| | 2018-2022 | 11.4 |
| Uninsured children | 2018 | 5.8% |
| | 2022 | 4.6% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2019 | 92.9% |
| | 2023 | 89.9% |

[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).