Caldwell County

County Seat: Kingston

Population: 8,955

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	390	310	19.0%	15.0%	⬆	14.7%	35
Food insecurity for children [a]	360	360	16.3%	17.4%	⬇	18.7%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	33	44	8.2%	8.9%	⬇	8.9%	85
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	8	7	3.8	3.3	⬆	7.1	8
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	2	7	1.0	3.3	⬇	5.5	67
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	4	22.6	14.0	⬆	15.9	33
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	5	6	2.4	2.8	⬇	2.9	41
Education							
High school graduation	109	124	95.6%	96.2%	⬆	91.3%	34
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	49	42	43.8%	49.4%	⬆	42.2%	16
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	68	35	48.9%	31.5%	⬇	42.3%	99
4th grade math (MAP)	55	50	44.7%	46.3%	⬆	43.7%	37
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	49	51	43.8%	42.5%	⬇	40.1%	34

[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	9,020
	2022	8,955
Child population under 18	2019	2,097
	2023	2,106
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.2%
	2023	23.5%
Child population under 6	2019	596
	2023	639
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.6%
	2023	7.1%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	107
	2023	213
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	5.1%
	2023	10.1%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	29
	2023	70
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	4.9%
	2023	11.0%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	22.4%
	2019-2023	18.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	75.4%
	2019-2023	63.9%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	9.9%
	2023	9.5%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	17.3%
	2023	14.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	22.9%
	2019-2023	19.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	39.3%
	2019-2023	31.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	24.3%
	2023	20.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$62,250
	2019-2023	$75,938
Adult unemployment	2019	3.2%
	2023	3.1%
Child homelessness	2019	3.1%
	2023	2.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	23.1
	2024	19.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.7
	2023	94.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	32.9
	2019-2023	98.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	6.9%
	2019-2023	14.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	23.1
	2023	24.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	0.5
	2023	4.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	2.0
	2019-2023	4.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.2
	2019-2023	69.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.7
	2019-2023	37.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	194.2
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	7.6**
	2018-2022	27.2**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	59.7
	2018-2022	10.6
Uninsured children	2018	7.3%
	2022	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	95.6%
	2023	93.8%

[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).