Chariton County

County Seat: Keytesville

Population: 7,399

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	272	223	16.3%	13.2%	↑	14.7%	22
Food insecurity for children [a]	240	290	13.9%	17.2%	↓	18.7%	42
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	27	30	7.8%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	49
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	5	8	3.0	4.6	↓	7.1	21
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	2	-	1.2	0.0	↑	5.5	1
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	2	19.4	9.0	↑	15.9	18
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	3	14	1.8	8.1	↓	2.9	101
Education							
High school graduation	94	73	97.9%	99.4%	↑	91.3%	6
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	41	25	52.6%	32.9%	↓	42.2%	94
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	28	30	37.3%	41.1%	↑	42.3%	47
4th grade math (MAP)	19	32	27.5%	45.1%	↑	43.7%	45
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	11	43	13.8%	55.1%	↑	40.1%	9

[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	7,426
	2022	7,399
Child population under 18	2019	1,692
	2023	1,723
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.8%
	2023	23.3%
Child population under 6	2019	553
	2023	508
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.4%
	2023	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	100
	2023	142
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	5.9%
	2023	8.2%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	24
	2023	33
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	4.3%
	2023	6.5%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	19.8%
	2019-2023	15.1%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	79.0%
	2019-2023	76.6%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	16.5%
	2023	35.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	15.3%
	2023	13.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	19.1%
	2019-2023	14.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	30.9%
	2019-2023	35.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	22.0%
	2023	19.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$71,654
	2019-2023	$83,843
Adult unemployment	2019	3.0%
	2023	2.7%
Child homelessness	2019	1.1%
	2023	2.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	106.0
	2024	52.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	35.6%
	2024	35.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.1
	2023	94.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	42.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	4.8%
	2019-2023	7.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	11.7
	2023	0.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	1.8
	2023	6.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.6
	2019-2023	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	36.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	15.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	120.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	0
	2018-2022	22.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	78.5
	2018-2022	13.4
Uninsured children	2018	7.8%
	2022	6.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
	2023	93.7%

[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).