

Cooper County

County Seat: Boonville

Population: 16,947

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	609	492	16.5%	13.3%	↑	14.7%	24
Food insecurity for children ^a	550	640	14.1%	17.0%	↓	18.7%	41
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	54	67	6.9%	7.3%	↓	8.9%	34
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	34	39	8.9	10.3	↓	7.1	108
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	8	13	2.1	3.4	↓	5.5	71
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	9	23.3	17.8	↑	15.9	50
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	9	3.1	2.4	↑	2.9	31
Education							
High school graduation	196	160	96.6%	93.3%	↓	91.3%	76
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	65	62	39.6%	37.1%	↓	42.2%	81
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	62	57	37.3%	32.2%	↓	42.3%	96
4th grade math (MAP)	56	50	34.1%	30.5%	↓	43.7%	104
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	88	91	43.1%	38.4%	↓	40.1%	55

^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			Education		
Total population	2019	17,709	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	82.7
	2022	16,947		2024	51.0
Child population under 18	2019	3,817	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	10.4%
	2023	3,782		2024	10.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.0
	2023	22.3%		2023	93.1
Child population under 6	2019	1,232	Family & Community		
	2023	1,247	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	38.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.0%		2019-2023	19.1
	2023	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	444		2019-2023	11.3%
	2023	503	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	43.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	11.6%		2023	92.4
	2023	13.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	151		2023	0.1%
	2023	156	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	1.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	12.3%		2023	3.4
	2023	12.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	34.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.1
	2019-2023	15.3%		2019-2023	2.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	64.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.3
	2019-2023	74.3%		2019-2023	0.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	16.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	16.5%		2019-2023	0.0
	2023	12.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	124.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	15.8%		2019-2023	0.0
	2023	12.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.6%		2019-2023	0.0%
	2019-2023	21.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	4.2**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	35.3%		2018-2022	25.3*
	2019-2023	24.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	73.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	24.5%		2018-2022	14.8
	2023	20.5%	Uninsured children	2018	7.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$64,786		2022	6.3%
	2019-2023	\$82,891	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.7%		2023	92.7%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	1.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		