Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

Population: 12,228

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	757	677	26.8%	24.0%	⬆	14.7%	94
Food insecurity for children [a]	690	520	24.2%	19.9%	⬆	18.7%	72
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	39	41	6.2%	5.9%	⬆	8.9%	12
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	5	5	1.7	1.7	⬇	7.1	3
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	1	2.4	0.3	⬆	5.5	6
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	9	10	26.6	24.8	⬆	15.9	78
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	25	4.1	8.6	⬇	2.9	103
Education							
High school graduation	92	98	92.9%	99.0%	⬆	91.3%	10
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	54	55	52.4%	50.0%	⬇	42.2%	11
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	36	46	30.3%	41.4%	⬆	42.3%	45
4th grade math (MAP)	62	53	51.7%	45.7%	⬇	43.7%	42
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	46	42	44.7%	39.6%	⬇	40.1%	48

[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	13,185
	2022	12,228
Child population under 18	2019	2,909
	2023	2,895
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.1%
	2023	23.7%
Child population under 6	2019	892
	2023	897
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.8%
	2023	7.3%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	166
	2023	342
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	5.7%
	2023	11.8%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	60
	2023	123
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	6.7%
	2023	13.7%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	27.6%
	2019-2023	23.0%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	72.1%
	2019-2023	75.2%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	23.2%
	2023	8.6%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	25.3%
	2023	22.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	27.6%
	2019-2023	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	59.5%
	2019-2023	40.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	39.0%
	2023	33.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$37,380
	2019-2023	$73,030
Adult unemployment	2019	5.1%
	2023	3.3%
Child homelessness	2019	1.1%
	2023	1.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	57.9
	2024	32.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.0
	2023	92.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	144.5
	2019-2023	48.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	4.7%
	2019-2023	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	7.2
	2023	9.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	7.9
	2023	11.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	3.8
	2019-2023	10.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	35.0
	2019-2023	36.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.8
	2019-2023	27.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	83.7
	2019-2023	70.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	5.8**
	2018-2022	39.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	56.8
	2018-2022	7.8
Uninsured children	2018	7.6%
	2022	5.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.8%
	2023	92.5%

[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).