

Dunklin County

County Seat: Kennett

Population: 27,032

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,544	1,988	35.3%	29.1%	↑	14.7%	109
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,000	1,930	25.5%	26.7%	↓	18.7%	108
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	209	212	13.2%	11.9%	↑	8.9%	113
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	63	39	8.5	5.5	↑	7.1	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	29	12	3.9	1.7	↑	5.5	28
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	40	45.3	43.1	↑	15.9	110
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	22	21	3.0	3.0	↓	2.9	43
Education							
High school graduation	307	312	90.8%	93.7%	↑	91.3%	68
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	153	119	38.4%	36.0%	↓	42.2%	87
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	139	86	36.2%	23.4%	↓	42.3%	112
4th grade math (MAP)	205	108	50.1%	27.6%	↓	43.7%	109
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	149	125	44.5%	25.7%	↓	40.1%	105

^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	29,131	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	86.8
	2022	27,032		2024	102.3
Child population under 18	2019	7,414	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	9.3%
	2023	7,028		2024	8.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	25.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.1
	2023	26.0%		2023	92.9
Child population under 6	2019	2,397	Family & Community		
	2023	2,214	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.2%		2019-2023	21.8
	2023	8.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	12.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	2,254		2019-2023	20.7%
	2023	2,300	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	17.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	30.4%		2023	20.8
	2023	32.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	831		2023	0.9%
	2023	747	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	12.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	34.7%		2023	8.3
	2023	33.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	42.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	7.8
	2019-2023	33.4%		2019-2023	8.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	55.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	30.5
	2019-2023	51.6%		2019-2023	15.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	41.7%		2019-2023	14.7
	2023	28.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	59.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	29.7%		2019-2023	16.3
	2023	26.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	80.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	28.3%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	24.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	71.6
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	55.6%		2018-2022	19.2*
	2019-2023	48.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	169.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	59.1%		2018-2022	13.5
	2023	59.9%	Uninsured children	2018	6.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$39,595		2022	6.8%
	2019-2023	\$55,320	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.7%
Adult unemployment	2019	5.5%		2023	92.1%
	2023	5.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	0.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	5.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		