Harrison County

County Seat: Bethany   Population: 8,220

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	459	403	23.1%	20.5%	⬆	14.7%	74
Food insecurity for children [a]	380	400	18.2%	20.1%	⬇	18.7%	74
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	29	31	7.1%	6.5%	⬆	8.9%	18
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	12	10	5.9	5.0	⬆	7.1	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	7	3.5	3.5	⬇	5.5	72
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	9	12.4	31.0	⬇	15.9	100
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	8	5.9	4.0	⬆	2.9	63
Education							
High school graduation	84	80	90.3%	93.1%	⬆	91.3%	77
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	53	44	52.5%	50.0%	⬇	42.2%	11
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	40	47	39.6%	47.5%	⬆	42.3%	16
4th grade math (MAP)	56	46	52.8%	45.5%	⬇	43.7%	44
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	31	44	32.3%	35.5%	⬆	40.1%	68

[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	8,352
	2022	8,220
Child population under 18	2019	2,022
	2023	2,002
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	24.2%
	2023	24.4%
Child population under 6	2019	612
	2023	553
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.3%
	2023	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	142
	2023	171
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	7.0%
	2023	8.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	40
	2023	36
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	6.5%
	2023	6.5%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	41.4%
	2019-2023	17.8%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	57.7%
	2019-2023	64.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	31.7%
	2023	16.0%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	20.2%
	2023	18.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.3%
	2019-2023	24.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	51.1%
	2019-2023	44.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	32.9%
	2023	25.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$45,000
	2019-2023	$75,000
Adult unemployment	2019	3.3%
	2023	3.0%
Child homelessness	2019	1.1%
	2023	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	39.3
	2024	10.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.8
	2023	93.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	38.8
	2019-2023	98.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	11.6%
	2019-2023	13.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	33.7
	2023	28.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	4.5
	2023	2.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	3.9
	2019-2023	2.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.5
	2019-2023	52.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.9
	2019-2023	53.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	47.3
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	15.6**
	2018-2022	0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	105.3
	2018-2022	11.8
Uninsured children	2018	7.7%
	2022	6.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.6%
	2023	93.1%

[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).