Hickory County

County Seat: Hermitage

Population: 8,718

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	528	426	34.1%	28.2%	⬆	14.7%	108
Food insecurity for children [a]	310	300	19.7%	20.8%	⬇	18.7%	82
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	39	26	13.1%	6.3%	⬆	8.9%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	5	8	3.1	5.1	⬇	7.1	33
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	4	-	2.5	0.0	⬆	5.5	1
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	6	17.9	26.9	⬇	15.9	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	5	8.8	3.2	⬆	2.9	50
Education							
High school graduation	102	108	96.2%	96.7%	⬆	91.3%	29
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	81	54	65.9%	50.9%	⬇	42.2%	10
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	66	55	55.0%	42.3%	⬇	42.3%	40
4th grade math (MAP)	74	63	62.2%	58.9%	⬇	43.7%	9
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	68	51	57.1%	41.5%	⬇	40.1%	40

[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	9,544
	2022	8,718
Child population under 18	2019	1,597
	2023	1,555
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	16.7%
	2023	17.8%
Child population under 6	2019	499
	2023	491
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	5.2%
	2023	5.6%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	137
	2023	179
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	8.6%
	2023	11.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	66
	2023	71
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	13.2%
	2023	14.5%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	28.0%
	2019-2023	15.3%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	69.7%
	2019-2023	77.8%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	25.7%
	2023	27.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	33.1%
	2023	27.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	27.3%
	2019-2023	34.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	44.1%
	2019-2023	58.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	34.3%
	2023	39.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$51,354
	2019-2023	$58,750
Adult unemployment	2019	4.2%
	2023	3.6%
Child homelessness	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	80.2
	2024	36.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.2
	2023	94.3

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	84.0
	2019-2023	93.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	4.0%
	2019-2023	4.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	57.2
	2023	40.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	3.8
	2023	0.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	10.5
	2019-2023	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.5
	2019-2023	41.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.8
	2019-2023	17.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	67.6
	2019-2023	135.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	100.0%
	2019-2023	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	10.5**
	2018-2022	25.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	99.3
	2018-2022	20.7
Uninsured children	2018	10.3%
	2022	5.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.9%
	2023	93.9%

[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).