

Marion County

County Seat: Palmyra

Population: 28,336

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,176	952	18.3%	14.9%	↑	14.7%	33
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,150	1,200	16.7%	18.2%	↓	18.7%	56
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	122	155	8.3%	9.4%	↓	8.9%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	25	35	3.8	5.3	↓	7.1	37
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	26	18	3.9	2.7	↑	5.5	55
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	22	21	24.5	21.0	↑	15.9	66
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	75	49	11.4	7.5	↑	2.9	99
Education							
High school graduation	332	308	95.4%	97.1%	↑	91.3%	24
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	185	159	53.6%	46.0%	↓	42.2%	30
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	116	44.4%	35.7%	↓	42.3%	82
4th grade math (MAP)	185	174	50.5%	50.4%	↓	43.7%	21
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	144	207	43.2%	48.4%	↑	40.1%	17

^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	28,530	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	96.6
	2022	28,336		2024	100.8
Child population under 18	2019	6,591	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	57.7%
	2023	6,546		2024	42.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.0
	2023	23.1%		2023	93.2
Child population under 6	2019	2,200	Family & Community		
	2023	2,013	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	60.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.7%		2019-2023	61.4
	2023	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	10.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	840		2019-2023	18.3%
	2023	972	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	28.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	12.7%		2023	49.7
	2023	14.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	285		2023	1.2%
	2023	343	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	10.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	13.0%		2023	11.3
	2023	17.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	37.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.1
	2019-2023	29.3%		2019-2023	8.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	62.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	17.4
	2019-2023	58.8%		2019-2023	38.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.7%		2019-2023	40.3
	2023	11.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	50.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	17.1%		2019-2023	32.0
	2023	13.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.3%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	20.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	7.1**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	44.1%		2018-2022	14.5*
	2019-2023	36.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	58.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	33.6%		2018-2022	8.2
	2023	29.8%	Uninsured children	2018	5.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$53,040		2022	6.2%
	2019-2023	\$68,997	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.7%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.2%		2023	91.9%
	2023	3.1%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	5.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		