

# McDonald County

County Seat: Pineville

Population: 23,903

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,639	1,388	28.8%	23.7%	↑	14.7%	93
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	1,030	1,230	17.5%	20.6%	↓	18.7%	80
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>b</sup>	109	147	7.6%	9.2%	↓	8.9%	92
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	18	32	3.1	5.3	↓	7.1	36
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	15	4	2.6	0.7	↑	5.5	8
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	28	20	37.1	27.3	↑	15.9	87
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	6	8	1.0	1.3	↓	2.9	15
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	238	219	92.2%	92.0%	↓	91.3%	86
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	127	78	48.8%	31.3%	↓	42.2%	103
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	133	100	46.2%	33.0%	↓	42.3%	90
4th grade math (MAP)	159	110	51.5%	43.1%	↓	43.7%	60
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	102	65	42.5%	30.0%	↓	40.1%	92

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2018 and 2022.

<sup>b</sup> 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	22,837	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	31.8
	2022	23,903		2024	24.2
Child population under 18	2019	5,851	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	6,003		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	25.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.5
	2023	25.1%		2023	92.8
Child population under 6	2019	2,021	Family & Community		
	2023	1,973	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	85.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.8%		2019-2023	86.7
	2023	8.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	10.1%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2019	1,802		2019-2023	12.5%
	2023	2,246	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	40.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	30.8%		2023	48.8
	2023	37.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.0%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2019	679		2023	0.5%
	2023	808	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	8.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	33.6%		2023	9.3
	2023	41.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	34.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	9.9
	2019-2023	23.7%		2019-2023	8.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	65.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	33.9
	2019-2023	66.7%		2019-2023	35.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	28.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	26.7%		2019-2023	26.2
	2023	19.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	37.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	27.5%		2019-2023	74.0
	2023	22.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2018	60.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.1%		2019-2023	0.0%
	2019-2023	26.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2017	8.2**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	55.6%		2018-2022	22.6*
	2019-2023	56.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	57.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	38.3%		2018-2022	5.4
	2023	36.7%	Uninsured children	2018	9.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$45,296		2022	7.7%
	2019-2023	\$53,360	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.5%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.3%		2023	91.5%
	2023	3.3%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	5.3%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	0.7%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		