Oregon County

County Seat: Alton   Population: 8,720

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	730	553	31.8%	27.6%	⬆	14.7%	104
Food insecurity for children [a]	580	540	24.6%	26.8%	⬇	18.7%	109
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	45	44	9.5%	8.3%	⬆	8.9%	66
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	11	13	4.7	6.3	⬇	7.1	68
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	6	5	2.5	2.4	⬆	5.5	46
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	9	21.1	33.5	⬇	15.9	105
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	18	17	7.6	8.3	⬇	2.9	102
Education							
High school graduation	141	149	97.2%	96.1%	⬇	91.3%	35
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	61	41	42.4%	31.8%	⬇	42.2%	100
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	60	50	42.3%	40.7%	⬇	42.3%	50
4th grade math (MAP)	59	39	48.4%	33.3%	⬇	43.7%	97
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	44	55	31.2%	30.7%	⬇	40.1%	88

[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

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2025

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2019	10,529
	2022	8,720
Child population under 18	2019	2,359
	2023	2,052
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.4%
	2023	23.5%
Child population under 6	2019	750
	2023	648
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.1%
	2023	7.4%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	160
	2023	150
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	6.8%
	2023	7.3%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	58
	2023	55
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	7.7%
	2023	8.5%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	33.6%
	2019-2023	30.4%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	64.9%
	2019-2023	65.3%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	23.2%
	2023	31.1%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	30.4%
	2023	26.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	29.6%
	2019-2023	24.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	60.2%
	2019-2023	62.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	46.9%
	2023	51.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$41,313
	2019-2023	$44,531
Adult unemployment	2019	3.9%
	2023	3.5%
Child homelessness	2019	3.0%
	2023	4.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	52.6
	2024	65.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.5
	2023	93.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	31.2
	2019-2023	143.6
Single parent head-of-house-hold with children under 18	2013-2018	7.4%
	2019-2023	8.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	12.1
	2023	34.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	14.0
	2023	2.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.4
	2019-2023	3.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.3
	2019-2023	82.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	26.1
	2019-2023	63.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	160.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	20.4**
	2018-2022	9.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	85.2
	2018-2022	16.6
Uninsured children	2018	7.4%
	2022	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.3%
	2023	92.2%

[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).