

Perry County

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Population: 18,950

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	598	530	14.0%	13.0%	↑	14.7%	20
Food insecurity for children ^a	530	590	11.5%	13.7%	↓	18.7%	14
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	56	62	6.2%	6.0%	↑	8.9%	13
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	26	26	5.9	6.2	↓	7.1	65
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	13	8	3.0	1.9	↑	5.5	33
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	13	21.4	22.1	↓	15.9	68
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	66	19	15.0	4.5	↑	2.9	76
Education							
High school graduation	170	158	87.6%	89.3%	↑	91.3%	99
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	53	62	37.9%	42.5%	↑	42.2%	54
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	65	72	39.6%	42.4%	↑	42.3%	39
4th grade math (MAP)	66	57	36.7%	37.7%	↑	43.7%	82
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	69	74	37.9%	36.5%	↓	40.1%	64

^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	19,136	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	133.3
	2022	18,950		2024	103.9
Child population under 18	2019	4,396	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	18.3%
	2023	4,185		2024	13.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.3
	2023	22.1%		2023	93.0
Child population under 6	2019	1,353	Family & Community		
	2023	1,275	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	68.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.1%		2019-2023	64.2
	2023	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	323		2019-2023	9.3%
	2023	368	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	14.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	7.3%		2023	19.4
	2023	8.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	3.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	120		2023	1.3%
	2023	129	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	8.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	8.9%		2023	2.4
	2023	10.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	25.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	2.7
	2019-2023	15.9%		2019-2023	7.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	72.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	4.4
	2019-2023	76.6%		2019-2023	30.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	10.4%		2019-2023	25.6
	2023	14.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	13.2%		2019-2023	47.0
	2023	12.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	22.9%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	24.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	14.4**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	37.3%		2018-2022	27.4*
	2019-2023	26.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	61.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	23.2%		2018-2022	6.5
	2023	20.1%	Uninsured children	2018	5.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$65,013		2022	6.4%
	2019-2023	\$89,457	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.8%
Adult unemployment	2019	2.6%		2023	91.8%
	2023	2.5%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		