Pike County

County Seat: Bowling Green

Population: 17,935

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	843	738	21.8%	18.7%	⬆	14.7%	58
Food insecurity for children [a]	630	750	15.6%	18.6%	⬇	18.7%	62
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	81	79	9.2%	8.0%	⬆	8.9%	59
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	20	25	5.0	6.2	⬇	7.1	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	24	21	6.0	5.2	⬆	5.5	98
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	11	27.3	21.8	⬆	15.9	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	29	29	7.3	7.2	⬆	2.9	94
Education							
High school graduation	152	169	95.0%	92.0%	⬇	91.3%	85
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	82	88	46.1%	44.7%	⬇	42.2%	36
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	71	98	36.4%	44.7%	⬆	42.3%	27
4th grade math (MAP)	101	92	48.3%	48.9%	⬆	43.7%	29
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	87	105	36.7%	41.7%	⬆	40.1%	38

[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	18,302
	2022	17,935
Child population under 18	2019	3,978
	2023	4,046
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.7%
	2023	22.6%
Child population under 6	2019	1,291
	2023	1,232
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.1%
	2023	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	390
	2023	463
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	9.8%
	2023	11.4%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	134
	2023	135
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	10.4%
	2023	11.0%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	30.2%
	2019-2023	24.2%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	66.5%
	2019-2023	57.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	19.4%
	2023	21.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	21.1%
	2023	18.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	19.3%
	2019-2023	18.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	40.1%
	2019-2023	38.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	28.6%
	2023	25.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$53,250
	2019-2023	$73,207
Adult unemployment	2019	3.6%
	2023	3.2%
Child homelessness	2019	0.7%
	2023	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	162.1
	2024	150.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	9.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.2
	2023	93.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.2
	2019-2023	36.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.4%
	2019-2023	18.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	17.7
	2023	17.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.1%
	2023	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	4.0
	2023	2.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.5
	2019-2023	4.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	29.6
	2019-2023	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.4
	2019-2023	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	27.6
	2019-2023	27.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	100.0%
	2019-2023	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	7.9**
	2018-2022	14.2**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	70.8
	2018-2022	10.0
Uninsured children	2018	6.2%
	2022	7.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
	2023	92.7%

[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).