

Ralls County

County Seat: New London

Population: 10,489

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	292	314	13.6%	14.9%	↓	14.7%	33
Food insecurity for children ^a	290	290	13.3%	13.6%	↓	18.7%	12
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	40	47	10.1%	10.1%	↓	8.9%	103
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	12	7	5.5	3.3	↑	7.1	7
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	3	4	1.4	1.9	↓	5.5	32
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	4	18.4	12.9	↑	15.9	30
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	10	5.5	4.6	↑	2.9	78
Education							
High school graduation	34	54	81.0%	94.7%	↑	91.3%	58
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	31	24	59.6%	48.0%	↓	42.2%	24
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	30	30	41.7%	41.7%	↓	42.3%	43
4th grade math (MAP)	33	28	50.0%	44.4%	↓	43.7%	48
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	26	23	38.2%	28.8%	↓	40.1%	96

^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	10,309	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	37.2
	2022	10,489		2024	32.5
Child population under 18	2019	2,174	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	2,151		2024	28.6%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.6
	2023	20.5%		2023	93.7
Child population under 6	2019	632	Family & Community		
	2023	624	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	31.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.1%		2019-2023	156.0
	2023	6.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	126		2019-2023	6.7%
	2023	149	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	10.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	5.8%		2023	36.7
	2023	6.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	34		2023	0.4%
	2023	46	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	6.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	5.4%		2023	2.8
	2023	7.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	28.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	2.0
	2019-2023	16.4%		2019-2023	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	71.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	18.4
	2019-2023	79.7%		2019-2023	48.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	19.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.7%		2019-2023	37.2
	2023	14.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	11.7%		2019-2023	90.9
	2023	11.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	20.4%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	21.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	15.0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	27.7%		2018-2022	0
	2019-2023	30.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	32.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	19.3%		2018-2022	5.7
	2023	22.2%	Uninsured children	2018	7.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$64,507		2022	6.5%
	2019-2023	\$95,025	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.1%		2023	92.5%
	2023	2.8%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	4.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.0%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		