Ray County

County Seat: Richmond

Population: 23,182

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	628	664	12.4%	12.8%	↓	14.7%	19
Food insecurity for children [a]	880	860	16.8%	16.5%	↑	18.7%	34
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	76	103	7.2%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	63
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	44	37	8.5	7.0	↑	7.1	79
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	23	33	4.5	6.2	↓	5.5	108
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	19	31.0	27.6	↑	15.9	88
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	15	16	2.9	3.0	↓	2.9	44
Education							
High school graduation	217	184	92.3%	93.4%	↑	91.3%	74
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	102	74	43.2%	32.0%	↓	42.2%	99
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	109	72	48.4%	27.6%	↓	42.3%	107
4th grade math (MAP)	87	88	34.4%	37.0%	↑	43.7%	86
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	105	121	42.9%	51.1%	↑	40.1%	12

[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	23,018
	2022	23,182
Child population under 18	2019	5,167
	2023	5,305
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.4%
	2023	22.9%
Child population under 6	2019	1,598
	2023	1,623
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.9%
	2023	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	437
	2023	585
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	8.5%
	2023	11.0%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	129
	2023	193
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	8.1%
	2023	11.9%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	28.2%
	2019-2023	18.8%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	71.7%
	2019-2023	71.6%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	9.9%
	2023	15.8%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	11.4%
	2023	11.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	22.3%
	2019-2023	21.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	28.0%
	2019-2023	32.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	24.5%
	2023	22.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$73,691
	2019-2023	$78,833
Adult unemployment	2019	3.6%
	2023	3.3%
Child homelessness	2019	0.8%
	2023	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	16.7
	2024	17.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.4
	2023	92.9

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	68.7
	2019-2023	70.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.5%
	2019-2023	12.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	37.6
	2023	20.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.1%
	2023	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	1.7
	2023	0.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	5.4
	2019-2023	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.9
	2019-2023	39.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	16.4
	2019-2023	39.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	41.5
	2019-2023	41.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	12.4**
	2018-2022	21.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	91.5
	2018-2022	10.8
Uninsured children	2018	6.9%
	2022	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.9%
	2023	91.6%

[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).