Ripley County

County Seat: Doniphan

Population: 10,806

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	882	719	30.2%	27.7%	⬆	14.7%	105
Food insecurity for children [a]	870	530	27.8%	20.8%	⬆	18.7%	82
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	59	69	9.2%	9.5%	⬇	8.9%	97
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	39	20	12.9	7.5	⬆	7.1	89
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	8	11	2.6	4.1	⬇	5.5	81
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	11	31.5	36.2	⬇	15.9	106
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	10	35	3.3	13.1	⬇	2.9	114
Education							
High school graduation	126	134	89.4%	94.2%	⬆	91.3%	61
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	68	51	39.8%	32.5%	⬇	42.2%	96
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	75	68	40.8%	39.8%	⬇	42.3%	57
4th grade math (MAP)	90	75	50.6%	44.4%	⬇	43.7%	50
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	47	68	36.4%	44.4%	⬆	40.1%	23

[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	13,288
	2022	10,806
Child population under 18	2019	3,028
	2023	2,678
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.8%
	2023	24.8%
Child population under 6	2019	940
	2023	847
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.1%
	2023	7.8%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	168
	2023	234
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	5.5%
	2023	8.7%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	60
	2023	69
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	6.4%
	2023	8.2%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	29.8%
	2019-2023	23.9%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	67.4%
	2019-2023	71.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	35.4%
	2023	12.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	30.0%
	2023	27.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	25.2%
	2019-2023	26.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	52.0%
	2019-2023	52.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	53.8%
	2023	55.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$40,720
	2019-2023	$62,051
Adult unemployment	2019	5.5%
	2023	4.1%
Child homelessness	2019	5.4%
	2023	6.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	59.2
	2024	50.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.3
	2023	93.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	134.0
	2019-2023	30.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.9%
	2019-2023	7.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	12.7
	2023	17.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	4.1%
	2023	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	9.9
	2023	10.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	3.6
	2019-2023	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	82.9
	2019-2023	54.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	58.0
	2019-2023	57.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	163.3
	2019-2023	45.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	83.3%
	2019-2023	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	51.4*
	2018-2022	29.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	126.9
	2018-2022	15.4
Uninsured children	2018	7.1%
	2022	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
	2023	92.5%

[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).