

Scott County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,500	1,948	27.9%	21.9%	↑	14.7%	87
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,870	2,000	20.3%	21.9%	↓	18.7%	92
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	191	280	9.8%	11.9%	↓	8.9%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	39	76	4.2	8.3	↓	7.1	100
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	49	40	5.3	4.4	↑	5.5	83
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	24	36	21.9	30.2	↓	15.9	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	59	28	6.4	3.1	↑	2.9	48
Education							
High school graduation	429	462	92.1%	95.0%	↑	91.3%	54
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	199	156	41.5%	33.3%	↓	42.2%	93
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	161	177	32.3%	34.3%	↑	42.3%	86
4th grade math (MAP)	208	141	37.7%	31.2%	↓	43.7%	103
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	204	171	39.4%	31.2%	↓	40.1%	87

^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	38,280	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	112.1
	2022	37,889		2024	80.4
Child population under 18	2019	9,181	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	2.6%
	2023	9,113		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	24.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.9
	2023	24.1%		2023	93.1
Child population under 6	2019	2,985	Family & Community		
	2023	2,885	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	69.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.8%		2019-2023	57.4
	2023	7.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	11.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	2,089		2019-2023	16.1%
	2023	2,334	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	40.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	22.8%		2023	54.6
	2023	25.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	717		2023	0.7%
	2023	780	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	8.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	24.0%		2023	4.7
	2023	27.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	39.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	8.6
	2019-2023	32.8%		2019-2023	7.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	59.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	19.5
	2019-2023	59.8%		2019-2023	25.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	11.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	25.5%		2019-2023	22.8
	2023	18.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	53.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	24.5%		2019-2023	36.7
	2023	21.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.0%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	24.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	15.7*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	46.6%		2018-2022	21.1*
	2019-2023	40.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	77.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	48.0%		2018-2022	9.9
	2023	43.7%	Uninsured children	2018	5.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$44,406		2022	6.2%
	2019-2023	\$69,247	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.2%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.5%		2023	92.6%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	1.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		