Shelby County

County Seat: Shelbyville

Population: 5,931

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	282	256	20.7%	19.1%	⬆	14.7%	63
Food insecurity for children [a]	250	280	17.3%	19.2%	⬇	18.7%	66
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	26	23	8.5%	6.7%	⬆	8.9%	19
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	8	10	5.6	7.0	⬇	7.1	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	4	6	2.8	4.2	⬇	5.5	82
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	1	25.3	5.3	⬆	15.9	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	13	9.8	9.1	⬆	2.9	104
Education							
High school graduation	68	85	94.4%	97.8%	⬆	91.3%	19
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	35	21	53.8%	38.2%	⬇	42.2%	77
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	43	30	48.9%	38.5%	⬇	42.3%	65
4th grade math (MAP)	34	28	46.6%	44.4%	⬇	43.7%	48
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	36	46	45.0%	55.4%	⬆	40.1%	8

[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	5,930
	2022	5,931
Child population under 18	2019	1,432
	2023	1,425
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	24.1%
	2023	24.0%
Child population under 6	2019	464
	2023	417
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.8%
	2023	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	114
	2023	149
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	8.0%
	2023	10.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	31
	2023	35
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	6.7%
	2023	8.4%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	25.2%
	2019-2023	19.9%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	67.1%
	2019-2023	65.1%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.7%
	2023	26.9%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	20.8%
	2023	17.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	20.0%
	2019-2023	17.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	44.6%
	2019-2023	44.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	28.9%
	2023	22.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$49,821
	2019-2023	$58,162
Adult unemployment	2019	3.0%
	2023	2.7%
Child homelessness	2019	1.2%
	2023	7.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	20.6
	2024	14.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.6
	2023	94.3

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	158.7
	2019-2023	47.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.4%
	2019-2023	15.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	22.2
	2023	27.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.4%
	2023	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	12.6
	2023	9.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	7.8
	2019-2023	2.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	68.6
	2019-2023	14.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	42.7
	2019-2023	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	157.5
	2019-2023	72.2
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	11.2**
	2018-2022	0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	52.5
	2018-2022	6.5
Uninsured children	2018	8.6%
	2022	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
	2023	93.7%

[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).