

Stone County

County Seat: Galena

Population: 32,658

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,247	1,073	24.5%	20.1%	↑	14.7%	69
Food insecurity for children ^a	970	990	18.3%	19.3%	↓	18.7%	68
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	93	106	9.2%	7.9%	↑	8.9%	55
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	27	33	5.2	6.0	↓	7.1	58
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	18	13	3.4	2.4	↑	5.5	45
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	17	21.4	22.4	↓	15.9	70
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	15	8	2.9	1.5	↑	2.9	19
Education							
High school graduation	292	274	94.5%	95.5%	↑	91.3%	47
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	107	91	43.7%	38.2%	↓	42.2%	76
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	127	100	43.9%	36.0%	↓	42.3%	80
4th grade math (MAP)	126	101	45.2%	43.5%	↓	43.7%	57
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	101	127	33.7%	42.1%	↑	40.1%	36

^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	31,952	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	34.6
	2022	32,658		2024	7.3
Child population under 18	2019	5,235	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	5,506		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	16.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.2
	2023	16.9%		2023	92.3
Child population under 6	2019	1,537	Family & Community		
	2023	1,654	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	58.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	4.8%		2019-2023	86.9
	2023	5.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	4.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	429		2019-2023	6.4%
	2023	681	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	28.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	8.2%		2023	43.3
	2023	12.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	133		2023	0.6%
	2023	236	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	6.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	8.7%		2023	5.4
	2023	14.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	22.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	10.4
	2019-2023	13.0%		2019-2023	8.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	76.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	56.4
	2019-2023	76.9%		2019-2023	30.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	46.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	26.7%		2019-2023	24.1
	2023	19.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	69.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	23.8%		2019-2023	55.0
	2023	19.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	25.4%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	25.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	21.2*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	42.9%		2018-2022	38.2*
	2019-2023	41.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	84.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	34.7%		2018-2022	16.9
	2023	30.4%	Uninsured children	2018	8.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$56,429		2022	6.5%
	2019-2023	\$65,352	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	5.0%		2023	91.9%
	2023	4.6%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	5.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	4.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		