Washington County

County Seat: Potosi

Population: 23,534

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,649	1,323	30.3%	25.4%	⬆	14.7%	98
Food insecurity for children [a]	1,240	1,270	21.7%	22.9%	⬇	18.7%	100
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	126	123	10.8%	9.4%	⬆	8.9%	96
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	42	52	7.5	9.7	⬇	7.1	107
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	28	21	5.0	3.9	⬆	5.5	78
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	36	15	49.9	19.8	⬆	15.9	61
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	19	40	3.4	7.5	⬇	2.9	98
Education							
High school graduation	225	237	97.0%	94.8%	⬇	91.3%	57
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	151	135	59.9%	56.3%	⬇	42.2%	4
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	131	121	46.5%	44.2%	⬇	42.3%	29
4th grade math (MAP)	190	131	70.4%	55.5%	⬇	43.7%	12
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	121	146	49.6%	36.0%	⬇	40.1%	66

[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	24,730
	2022	23,534
Child population under 18	2019	5,599
	2023	5,351
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.6%
	2023	22.7%
Child population under 6	2019	1,715
	2023	1,634
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.9%
	2023	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	281
	2023	327
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	5.0%
	2023	6.1%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	103
	2023	126
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	6.0%
	2023	7.7%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	29.8%
	2019-2023	30.0%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	68.4%
	2019-2023	60.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	10.4%
	2023	31.1%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	28.2%
	2023	22.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	25.1%
	2019-2023	24.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	44.9%
	2019-2023	47.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	45.4%
	2023	40.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$49,353
	2019-2023	$55,208
Adult unemployment	2019	4.5%
	2023	3.8%
Child homelessness	2019	5.8%
	2023	3.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	65.4
	2024	42.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.7
	2023	92.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	52.6
	2019-2023	13.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.0%
	2019-2023	13.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	20.1
	2023	4.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.5%
	2023	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	9.1
	2023	11.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.9
	2019-2023	5.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	31.3
	2019-2023	27.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.9
	2019-2023	29.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	60.0
	2019-2023	19.4
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	22.7*
	2018-2022	43.1*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	96.6
	2018-2022	16.9
Uninsured children	2018	5.7%
	2022	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.9%
	2023	92.4%

[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).