Wright County

County Seat: Hartville

Population: 19,403

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,434	1,241	31.2%	24.9%	⬆	14.7%	97
Food insecurity for children [a]	1,090	1,070	24.1%	22.4%	⬆	18.7%	99
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	76	96	7.7%	7.7%	⬆	8.9%	46
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	27	18	5.7	3.5	⬆	7.1	10
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	7	1.5	1.4	⬆	5.5	20
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	20	30.5	29.5	⬆	15.9	92
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	37	16	7.9	3.1	⬆	2.9	49
Education							
High school graduation	210	224	95.5%	77.6%	⬇	91.3%	112
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	142	97	59.2%	41.5%	⬇	42.2%	61
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	119	143	44.4%	57.9%	⬆	42.3%	3
4th grade math (MAP)	143	98	59.1%	43.8%	⬇	43.7%	55
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	72	114	29.6%	49.1%	⬆	40.1%	16

[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	18,289
	2022	19,403
Child population under 18	2019	4,703
	2023	5,098
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	25.7%
	2023	26.3%
Child population under 6	2019	1,603
	2023	1,591
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.8%
	2023	8.2%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	298
	2023	451
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	6.3%
	2023	8.9%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	119
	2023	142
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	7.4%
	2023	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	31.4%
	2019-2023	21.0%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	67.4%
	2019-2023	72.0%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	23.2%
	2023	24.5%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	29.8%
	2023	23.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	25.6%
	2019-2023	25.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	60.6%
	2019-2023	54.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	42.5%
	2023	33.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$36,299
	2019-2023	$51,265
Adult unemployment	2019	5.3%
	2023	3.5%
Child homelessness	2019	2.7%
	2023	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	76.5
	2024	55.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	4.6%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.3
	2023	94.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	49.3
	2019-2023	44.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	10.5%
	2019-2023	12.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	12.5
	2023	24.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.9%
	2023	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	17.0
	2023	7.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	11.3
	2019-2023	9.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	35.3
	2019-2023	45.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	31.9
	2019-2023	50.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	24.8
	2019-2023	22.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	21.6*
	2018-2022	18.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	86.7
	2018-2022	12.0
Uninsured children	2018	10.4%
	2022	7.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.8%
	2023	93.6%

[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).