

Adair County

County Seat: Kirksville

Population: 25,660

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	819	852	18.8%	18.5%	↑	15.3%	61
Food insecurity for children ^a	640	800	13.6%	17.0%	↓	18.1%	33
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	122	109	8.7%	8.0%	↑	8.9%	59
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	13	16	2.9	3.4	↓	5.4	68
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	3	7.4	1.9	↑	15.9	4
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	26	37	5.8	7.8	↓	2.9	105
Education							
High school graduation	236	201	94.4%	92.2%	↓	92.1%	84
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	131	77	54.1%	42.5%	↓	41.6%	44
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	126	83	59.7%	38.4%	↓	42.1%	56
4th grade math (MAP)	111	90	52.1%	43.3%	↓	44.5%	62
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	148	98	74.4%	50.8%	↓	41.5%	12

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	25,468	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	92.8
	2023	25,660		2025	130.2
Child population under 18	2020	4,504	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	41.9%
	2024	4,724		2025	28.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	17.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.6
	2024	18.4%		2024	92.8
Child population under 6	2020	1,585	Family & Community		
	2024	1,670	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	57.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.2%		2020-2024	21.6
	2024	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	584		2020-2024	12.8%
	2024	867	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	33.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	13.0%		2024	0.0
	2024	18.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.0%
Minority child population under 6	2020	274		2024	1.4%
	2024	370	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	12.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	17.3%		2024	9.1
	2024	22.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	21.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	7.1
	2020-2024	12.9%		2020-2024	5.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	73.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	61.6
	2020-2024	73.8%		2020-2024	45.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	32.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	20.7%		2020-2024	44.2
	2024	9.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	135.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	19.1%		2020-2024	49.1
	2024	17.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	31.8%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	24.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	5.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	32.8%		2019-2023	0**
	2020-2024	31.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	45.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	28.0%		2019-2023	98.4
	2024	29.6%	Uninsured children	2019	8.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$63,704		2023	6.3%
	2020-2024	\$75,931	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.3%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.1%		2024	91.6%
	2023	3.6%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		