

# Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

Population: 20,614

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	914	729	27.5%	21.0%	↑	15.3%	79
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	770	810	23.2%	23.8%	↓	18.1%	99
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	56	56	6.7%	6.8%	↓	8.9%	22
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	8	6	2.4	1.7	↑	5.4	30
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	16	18.4	32.2	↓	15.9	101
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	18	22	5.3	6.2	↓	2.9	93
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	160	165	95.2%	94.8%	↓	92.1%	50
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	106	80	64.6%	40.2%	↓	41.6%	54
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	116	64	65.9%	32.5%	↓	42.1%	88
4th grade math (MAP)	76	70	44.4%	42.9%	↓	44.5%	64
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	173	72	75.2%	38.5%	↓	41.5%	53

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	19,305	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	70.8
	2023	20,614		2025	69.0
Child population under 18	2020	3,402	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	3,537		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	17.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.4
	2024	17.2%		2024	93.9
Child population under 6	2020	1,069	Family & Community		
	2024	995	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	62.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	5.4%		2020-2024	19.7
	2024	4.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	5.4%
Minority child population under 18	2020	257		2020-2024	8.1%
	2024	385	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	26.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	7.6%		2024	20.8
	2024	10.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	79		2024	—%
	2024	106	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	2.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	7.4%		2024	12.7
	2024	10.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	24.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.0
	2020-2024	24.6%		2020-2024	4.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	70.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	43.3
	2020-2024	70.0%		2020-2024	47.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	38.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	45.5%		2020-2024	52.4
	2024	31.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	31.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	26.0%		2020-2024	28.8
	2024	20.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.4%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	26.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	14.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	47.8%		2019-2023	0**
	2020-2024	43.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	127.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	34.0%		2019-2023	178.0
	2024	32.1%	Uninsured children	2019	9.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$51,587		2023	8.3%
	2020-2024	\$71,250	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	7.3%		2024	92.7%
	2023	4.3%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	7.6%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	3.6%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		