

Boone County

County Seat: Columbia

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	4,563	4,377	12.5%	11.8%	↑	15.3%	19
Food insecurity for children ^a	4,220	6,110	11.7%	16.2%	↓	18.1%	28
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	866	824	8.4%	8.6%	↓	8.9%	76
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	212	195	5.7	5.1	↑	5.4	103
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	51	43	6.5	4.9	↑	15.9	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	111	56	3.0	1.5	↑	2.9	17
Education							
High school graduation	1,567	1,860	91.2%	90.9%	↓	92.1%	93
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,115	730	60.6%	41.0%	↓	41.6%	49
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	990	757	59.4%	38.5%	↓	42.1%	55
4th grade math (MAP)	834	803	48.8%	42.2%	↓	44.5%	68
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	1,099	875	68.0%	37.5%	↓	41.5%	57

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	179,704	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	165.3
	2023	192,154		2025	168.3
Child population under 18	2020	37,426	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	23.2%
	2024	37,983		2025	10.3%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	20.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	19.8%		2024	91.9
Child population under 6	2020	12,520	Family & Community		
	2024	11,888	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	30.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.8%		2020-2024	34.6
	2024	6.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	10,545		2020-2024	13.6%
	2024	13,012	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	25.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	28.2%		2024	37.9
	2024	34.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	3,629		2024	2.2%
	2024	4,162	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	29.0%		2024	3.2
	2024	35.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	20.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.6
	2020-2024	21.4%		2020-2024	6.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	71.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	25.5
	2020-2024	71.1%		2020-2024	24.5
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Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	15.0%		2020-2024	19.1
	2024	10.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	34.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	11.7%		2020-2024	48.4
	2024	11.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	30.8%		2020-2024	66.7%
	2020-2024	30.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	21.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	28.1%		2019-2023	17.4
	2020-2024	22.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	92.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	25.2%		2019-2023	114.2
	2024	23.1%	Uninsured children	2019	6.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$78,214		2023	4.5%
	2020-2024	\$108,143	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.7%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.2%		2024	89.4%
	2023	2.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		