

Caldwell County

County Seat: Kingston

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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	334	290	16.2%	14.1%	↑	15.3%	27
Food insecurity for children ^a	360	350	16.5%	16.8%	↓	18.1%	32
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	46	37	9.5%	7.6%	↑	8.9%	48
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	1	7	0.5	3.3	↓	5.4	66
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	7	30.5	25.4	↑	15.9	79
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	3	4	1.4	1.9	↓	2.9	25
Education							
High school graduation	128	108	98.5%	95.6%	↓	92.1%	43
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	73	38	59.3%	41.3%	↓	41.6%	48
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	75	32	57.3%	28.1%	↓	42.1%	100
4th grade math (MAP)	54	37	48.2%	44.0%	↓	44.5%	58
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	74	56	66.7%	40.6%	↓	41.5%	41

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	9,052	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	9.5
	2023	9,000		2025	23.8
Child population under 18	2020	2,098	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	200.0%
	2024	2,103		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.2
	2024	23.4%		2024	93.9
Child population under 6	2020	640	Family & Community		
	2024	660	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	95.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	34.0
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.6%
Minority child population under 18	2020	134		2020-2024	13.1%
	2024	218	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	14.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.4%		2024	24.3
	2024	10.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	47		2024	—%
	2024	62	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	1.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	7.3%		2024	6.2
	2024	9.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	15.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	0.0
	2020-2024	21.6%		2020-2024	4.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	70.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.0
	2020-2024	70.9%		2020-2024	40.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	21.1%		2020-2024	37.4
	2024	19.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	153.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	15.8%		2020-2024	51.4
	2024	12.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	19.2%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	21.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	22.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	39.7%		2019-2023	18.2**
	2020-2024	30.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	75.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	24.2%		2019-2023	104.8
	2024	20.2%	Uninsured children	2019	9.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$62,194		2023	7.7%
	2020-2024	\$82,135	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	95.1%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.4%		2024	93.1%
	2023	3.1%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	3.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		