

Chariton County

County Seat: Keytesville

Population: 7,397

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	244	236	14.9%	14.0%	↑	15.3%	26
Food insecurity for children ^a	250	290	14.9%	17.2%	↓	18.1%	39
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	34	29	8.0%	7.6%	↑	8.9%	47
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	5	1	3.0	0.6	↑	5.4	9
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	2	20.7	9.0	↑	15.9	16
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	11	5	6.6	2.9	↑	2.9	49
Education							
High school graduation	71	78	95.9%	97.5%	↑	92.1%	19
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	52	38	67.5%	48.1%	↓	41.6%	19
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	43	39	53.8%	42.4%	↓	42.1%	40
4th grade math (MAP)	37	43	48.7%	53.1%	↑	44.5%	20
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	50	39	46.7%	49.4%	↑	41.5%	14

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	7,449	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	54.0
	2023	7,397		2025	81.6
Child population under 18	2020	1,667	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	35.6%
	2024	1,716		2025	22.9%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.0
	2024	23.2%		2024	94.3
Child population under 6	2020	530	Family & Community		
	2024	493	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	46.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.2%		2020-2024	81.8
	2024	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	4.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	107		2020-2024	7.9%
	2024	155	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	4.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.4%		2024	2.4
	2024	9.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	21		2024	—%
	2024	42	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	4.0%		2024	4.7
	2024	8.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	11.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	2.4
	2020-2024	12.2%		2020-2024	5.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	81.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	12.7
	2020-2024	81.3%		2020-2024	48.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	31.6%		2020-2024	30.7
	2024	13.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	65.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	14.3%		2020-2024	117.3
	2024	13.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	16.8%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	14.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	19.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	35.9%		2019-2023	11.2**
	2020-2024	28.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	85.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	20.6%		2019-2023	147.2
	2024	17.8%	Uninsured children	2019	9.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$71,518		2023	6.2%
	2020-2024	\$96,136	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.0%		2024	93.2%
	2023	2.7%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.2%	^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).		