

# Cooper County

County Seat: Boonville

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	653	517	17.8%	14.2%	↑	15.3%	29
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	550	590	14.3%	15.7%	↓	18.1%	22
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	70	74	7.2%	8.1%	↓	8.9%	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	17	14	4.5	3.8	↑	5.4	75
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	8	20.6	15.8	↑	15.9	42
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	8	12	2.1	3.2	↓	2.9	54
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	196	193	97.0%	96.5%	↓	92.1%	31
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	99	49	55.3%	32.0%	↓	41.6%	98
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	79	59	43.2%	34.5%	↓	42.1%	76
4th grade math (MAP)	58	67	31.4%	40.4%	↑	44.5%	76
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	125	86	62.8%	40.4%	↓	41.5%	43

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	17,522	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	51.2
	2023	17,122		2025	72.8
Child population under 18	2020	3,773	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	10.4%
	2024	3,725		2025	7.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.5
	2024	21.8%		2024	93.6
Child population under 6	2020	1,204	Family & Community		
	2024	1,178	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	55.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.0%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	440		2020-2024	11.0%
	2024	506	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	53.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	11.7%		2024	122.2
	2024	13.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	125		2024	—%
	2024	144	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	2.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	10.4%		2024	2.7
	2024	12.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	23.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.1
	2020-2024	16.4%		2020-2024	2.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	66.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	16.8
	2020-2024	66.3%		2020-2024	0.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	21.0%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	13.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	93.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	16.6%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	14.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.9%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	21.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	4.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	33.9%		2019-2023	15.3**
	2020-2024	28.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	87.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	24.9%		2019-2023	141.7
	2024	19.4%	Uninsured children	2019	8.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$65,394		2023	5.4%
	2020-2024	\$86,875	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	5.6%		2024	93.3%
	2023	3.0%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.2%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.9%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		