

Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

Population: 12,290

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	791	650	27.7%	23.1%	↑	15.3%	89
Food insecurity for children ^a	670	520	23.0%	19.3%	↑	18.1%	61
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	44	41	6.1%	5.8%	↑	8.9%	11
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	0	5	0.0	1.7	↓	5.4	32
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	8	29.3	20.6	↑	15.9	62
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	8	4.8	2.8	↑	2.9	44
Education							
High school graduation	79	102	94.0%	96.2%	↑	92.1%	33
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	66	47	52.0%	39.5%	↓	41.6%	58
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	70	27	64.2%	27.8%	↓	42.1%	102
4th grade math (MAP)	63	60	54.3%	54.1%	↓	44.5%	16
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	74	42	63.8%	43.3%	↓	41.5%	29

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	13,335	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	39.0
	2023	12,290		2025	11.8
Child population under 18	2020	2,920	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	2,883		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.0
	2024	23.5%		2024	92.9
Child population under 6	2020	910	Family & Community		
	2024	892	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	150.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.8%		2020-2024	51.3
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	3.9%
Minority child population under 18	2020	176		2020-2024	6.8%
	2024	324	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	4.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.0%		2024	11.3
	2024	11.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	64		2024	—%
	2024	96	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	6.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	7.0%		2024	18.7
	2024	10.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	21.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.5
	2020-2024	20.7%		2020-2024	8.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	75.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	35.9
	2020-2024	75.8%		2020-2024	43.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	21.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	7.6%		2020-2024	35.8
	2024	19.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	84.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	26.4%		2020-2024	78.4
	2024	23.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.6%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	24.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	11.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	44.4%		2019-2023	19.9**
	2020-2024	49.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	43.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	35.7%		2019-2023	77.6
	2024	33.0%	Uninsured children	2019	9.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$52,685		2023	7.0%
	2020-2024	\$64,849	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.7%		2024	92.8%
	2023	3.3%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		