

Dunklin County

County Seat: Kennett

Population: 27,002

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,156	2,393	29.8%	34.9%	↓	15.3%	114
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,960	1,970	25.5%	27.4%	↓	18.1%	109
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	256	203	13.3%	11.7%	↑	8.9%	112
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	15	11	2.0	1.6	↑	5.4	29
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	36	51.6	39.3	↑	15.9	108
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	28	15	3.8	2.1	↑	2.9	27
Education							
High school graduation	302	289	92.4%	92.3%	↓	92.1%	82
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	206	120	48.0%	33.7%	↓	41.6%	92
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	193	84	48.5%	23.8%	↓	42.1%	110
4th grade math (MAP)	190	97	45.9%	29.4%	↓	44.5%	105
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	205	89	59.2%	28.2%	↓	41.5%	97

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	29,657	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	78.4
	2023	27,002		2025	114.8
Child population under 18	2020	7,421	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	11.7%
	2024	7,039		2025	7.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.7
	2024	26.1%		2024	93.0
Child population under 6	2020	2,406	Family & Community		
	2024	2,177	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.3%		2020-2024	22.0
	2024	8.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	13.3%
Minority child population under 18	2020	2,321		2020-2024	18.1%
	2024	2,382	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	18.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	31.3%		2024	36.0
	2024	33.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.9%
Minority child population under 6	2020	886		2024	0.5%
	2024	769	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	12.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	36.8%		2024	12.9
	2024	35.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	32.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.7
	2020-2024	31.9%		2020-2024	8.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	52.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	22.7
	2020-2024	52.3%		2020-2024	11.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	16.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	33.1%		2020-2024	11.0
	2024	29.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	31.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	28.5%		2020-2024	16.4
	2024	33.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.9%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	23.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	53.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	52.1%		2019-2023	2.7**
	2020-2024	45.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	127.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	59.5%		2019-2023	132.7
	2024	58.9%	Uninsured children	2019	8.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$41,335		2023	6.9%
	2020-2024	\$67,237	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.3%		2024	92.1%
	2023	5.0%	^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	1.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		