

Harrison County

County Seat: Bethany

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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	552	448	27.7%	23.7%	↑	15.3%	94
Food insecurity for children ^a	370	390	17.7%	18.8%	↓	18.1%	57
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	32	34	6.6%	7.1%	↓	8.9%	31
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	5	3	2.5	1.6	↑	5.4	28
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	3	12.5	11.0	↑	15.9	24
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	17	7	8.4	3.6	↑	2.9	62
Education							
High school graduation	81	112	83.5%	91.8%	↑	92.1%	88
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	61	38	53.5%	36.5%	↓	41.6%	75
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	42	24	46.7%	25.0%	↓	42.1%	107
4th grade math (MAP)	77	44	58.8%	49.4%	↓	44.5%	33
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	78	55	79.6%	57.3%	↓	41.5%	6

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	8,427	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	19.8
	2023	8,186		2025	26.0
Child population under 18	2020	2,025	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	1,925		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	24.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.5
	2024	23.5%		2024	93.5
Child population under 6	2020	591	Family & Community		
	2024	535	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	79.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	67.9
	2024	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	150		2020-2024	13.4%
	2024	181	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	37.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	7.4%		2024	12.4
	2024	9.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	38		2024	—%
	2024	45	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	10.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.4%		2024	16.1
	2024	8.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	28.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	2.1
	2020-2024	15.6%		2020-2024	4.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	64.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	31.0
	2020-2024	64.5%		2020-2024	32.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	20.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	27.0%		2020-2024	41.6
	2024	14.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	59.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	25.1%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	22.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.4%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	23.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	16.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	47.9%		2019-2023	9.9**
	2020-2024	48.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	119.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	29.3%		2019-2023	104.4
	2024	26.9%	Uninsured children	2019	7.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$49,514		2023	7.3%
	2020-2024	\$66,161	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.5%		2024	92.8%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	0.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		