

Marion County

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Population: 28,425

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,121	931	17.5%	14.6%	↑	15.3%	30
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,040	1,280	15.3%	19.0%	↓	18.1%	59
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	150	165	8.7%	10.3%	↓	8.9%	107
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	27	23	4.1	3.5	↑	5.4	71
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	18	27	20.3	27.0	↓	15.9	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	41	1.8	6.3	↓	2.9	94
Education							
High school graduation	307	348	90.8%	92.6%	↑	92.1%	79
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	256	153	60.1%	47.7%	↓	41.6%	20
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	200	92	56.5%	27.1%	↓	42.1%	104
4th grade math (MAP)	204	187	51.0%	54.8%	↑	44.5%	14
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	181	167	63.1%	45.3%	↓	41.5%	25

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	28,572	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	92.4
	2023	28,425		2025	98.9
Child population under 18	2020	6,566	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	50.4%
	2024	6,510		2025	43.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.8
	2024	22.9%		2024	93.1
Child population under 6	2020	2,147	Family & Community		
	2024	1,989	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.6%		2020-2024	51.7
	2024	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	826		2020-2024	19.0%
	2024	969	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	10.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	12.6%		2024	35.7
	2024	14.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	280		2024	1.1%
	2024	329	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	13.0%		2024	7.1
	2024	16.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	25.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	7.0
	2020-2024	35.4%		2020-2024	8.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	63.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	12.9
	2020-2024	63.1%		2020-2024	35.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	3.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	16.2%		2020-2024	36.4
	2024	9.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	51.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	16.5%		2020-2024	32.5
	2024	13.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.0%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	22.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	9.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	43.8%		2019-2023	2.9**
	2020-2024	36.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	59.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	33.2%		2019-2023	85.7
	2024	29.2%	Uninsured children	2019	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$59,170		2023	5.6%
	2020-2024	\$68,566	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.5%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.8%		2024	91.4%
	2023	3.1%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	6.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		