

McDonald County

County Seat: Pineville

Population: 24,054

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,406	1,388	25.0%	23.4%	↑	15.3%	92
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,050	1,250	18.2%	20.8%	↓	18.1%	76
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	139	148	8.1%	9.2%	↓	8.9%	88
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	17	6	3.0	1.0	↑	5.4	15
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	25	29.0	33.4	↓	15.9	103
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	30	8	5.2	1.3	↑	2.9	13
Education							
High school graduation	256	231	91.8%	93.1%	↑	92.1%	71
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	123	92	43.3%	35.5%	↓	41.6%	81
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	187	77	59.2%	30.7%	↓	42.1%	91
4th grade math (MAP)	142	108	50.0%	46.6%	↓	44.5%	43
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	210	74	74.2%	23.3%	↓	41.5%	105

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	22,882	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	25.9
	2023	24,054		2025	19.9
Child population under 18	2020	5,758	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	6,075		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.1
	2024	25.3%		2024	93.2
Child population under 6	2020	1,986	Family & Community		
	2024	1,923	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	75.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.7%		2020-2024	71.0
	2024	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.0%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,806		2020-2024	11.8%
	2024	2,313	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	25.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	31.4%		2024	53.6
	2024	38.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.4%
Minority child population under 6	2020	673		2024	0.6%
	2024	754	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	9.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	33.9%		2024	12.2
	2024	39.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	27.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.4
	2020-2024	19.1%		2020-2024	10.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	65.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	40.5
	2020-2024	65.0%		2020-2024	34.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	40.3%		2020-2024	26.0
	2024	13.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	58.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	25.8%		2020-2024	70.6
	2024	22.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	24.1%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	23.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	10.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	55.8%		2019-2023	25.3*
	2020-2024	54.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	33.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	35.9%		2019-2023	58.6
	2024	36.2%	Uninsured children	2019	12.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$44,513		2023	7.0%
	2020-2024	\$56,389	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.0%		2024	91.6%
	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	0.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	7.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		