

# Perry County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	597	572	13.9%	14.1%	↓	15.3%	27
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	470	640	10.4%	14.8%	↓	18.1%	15
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	64	69	5.9%	6.7%	↓	8.9%	18
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	6	8	1.4	1.9	↓	5.4	37
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	9	17.8	15.8	↑	15.9	43
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	17	11	3.9	2.6	↑	2.9	41
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	160	168	85.1%	93.3%	↑	92.1%	68
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	108	49	54.0%	31.6%	↓	41.6%	102
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	100	57	57.1%	37.7%	↓	42.1%	59
4th grade math (MAP)	94	51	51.6%	35.4%	↓	44.5%	92
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	83	60	53.9%	37.5%	↓	41.5%	58

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	19,227	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	100.0
	2023	19,100		2025	114.7
Child population under 18	2020	4,381	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	18.3%
	2024	4,159		2025	12.6%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.7
	2024	21.8%		2024	94.0
Child population under 6	2020	1,321	Family & Community		
	2024	1,304	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	85.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.9%		2020-2024	65.7
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	6.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	279		2020-2024	11.0%
	2024	417	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	8.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.4%		2024	36.0
	2024	10.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	2.4%
Minority child population under 6	2020	94		2024	1.3%
	2024	183	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	7.1%		2024	2.6
	2024	14.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	12.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.6
	2020-2024	20.6%		2020-2024	6.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	80.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	9.6
	2020-2024	80.3%		2020-2024	35.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	4.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	16.2%		2020-2024	25.4
	2024	21.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	25.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	12.9%		2020-2024	72.9
	2024	12.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	23.3%		2020-2024	33.3%
	2020-2024	26.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	29.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	29.3%		2019-2023	27.5*
	2020-2024	28.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	46.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	22.3%		2019-2023	71.1
	2024	21.0%	Uninsured children	2019	7.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$73,125		2023	6.6%
	2020-2024	\$91,558	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	5.7%		2024	93.1%
	2023	2.5%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	5.7%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.8%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		