

# Phelps County

County Seat: Rolla

Population: 45,672

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,587	1,518	17.7%	16.4%	↑	15.3%	46
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	1,500	1,760	15.9%	18.5%	↓	18.1%	53
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	193	174	8.5%	8.2%	↑	8.9%	66
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	28	13	3.0	1.4	↑	5.4	21
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	26	20.2	16.5	↑	15.9	45
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	35	79	3.8	8.3	↓	2.9	107
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	418	455	92.5%	93.6%	↑	92.1%	62
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	321	224	64.3%	49.2%	↓	41.6%	15
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	286	198	62.0%	41.3%	↓	42.1%	45
4th grade math (MAP)	365	232	73.3%	55.4%	↓	44.5%	12
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	356	146	72.5%	29.6%	↓	41.5%	91

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	44,587	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	8.6
	2023	45,672		2025	35.0
Child population under 18	2020	9,297	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	9,542		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	20.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.5
	2024	20.9%		2024	93.3
Child population under 6	2020	2,920	Family & Community		
	2024	2,747	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	45.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.6%		2020-2024	95.2
	2024	6.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,111		2020-2024	15.3%
	2024	1,489	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	7.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	12.0%		2024	10.1
	2024	15.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	436		2024	2.0%
	2024	468	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	10.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	14.9%		2024	8.1
	2024	17.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	23.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	7.9
	2020-2024	26.9%		2020-2024	6.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	68.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	20.3
	2020-2024	68.4%		2020-2024	48.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	11.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	17.6%		2020-2024	33.2
	2024	13.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	48.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	16.1%		2020-2024	106.7
	2024	14.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	29.0%		2020-2024	80.0%
	2020-2024	28.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	35.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	35.9%		2019-2023	9.1*
	2020-2024	34.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	95.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	28.3%		2019-2023	159.2
	2024	26.5%	Uninsured children	2019	8.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$56,935		2023	6.1%
	2020-2024	\$73,315	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	4.8%		2024	92.8%
	2023	3.1%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.0%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.9%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		