

Pike County

County Seat: Bowling Green

Population: 17,961

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	773	833	19.8%	21.1%	↓	15.3%	80
Food insecurity for children ^a	620	860	15.3%	21.2%	↓	18.1%	84
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	93	78	8.8%	8.0%	↑	8.9%	61
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	21	17	5.3	4.2	↑	5.4	88
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	11	28.1	21.0	↑	15.9	64
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	30	26	7.5	6.5	↑	2.9	97
Education							
High school graduation	181	168	93.3%	88.9%	↓	92.1%	106
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	101	72	56.1%	38.7%	↓	41.6%	65
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	130	70	63.7%	39.8%	↓	42.1%	52
4th grade math (MAP)	92	101	47.4%	55.5%	↑	44.5%	11
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	116	83	61.7%	39.7%	↓	41.5%	46

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	18,158	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	142.7
	2023	17,961		2025	152.8
Child population under 18	2020	3,994	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	9.8%
	2024	4,031		2025	8.9%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.7
	2024	22.4%		2024	93.1
Child population under 6	2020	1,259	Family & Community		
	2024	1,223	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	38.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.2%		2020-2024	35.7
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	12.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	372		2020-2024	19.3%
	2024	477	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	16.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	9.3%		2024	26.5
	2024	11.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.1%
Minority child population under 6	2020	113		2024	1.9%
	2024	155	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	5.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	9.0%		2024	2.0
	2024	12.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	24.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.7
	2020-2024	24.0%		2020-2024	4.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	60.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	10.5
	2020-2024	60.1%		2020-2024	5.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	10.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	28.1%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	9.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	19.1%		2020-2024	26.5
	2024	21.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	20.7%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	19.5%	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	42.7%		2019-2023	4.8**
	2020-2024	40.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	85.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	28.8%		2019-2023	103.6
	2024	26.6%	Uninsured children	2019	8.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$51,824		2023	7.8%
	2020-2024	\$61,635	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.5%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.5%		2024	92.2%
	2023	3.2%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		