

# Ralls County

County Seat: New London

Population: 10,499

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	239	240	11.5%	11.4%	↑	15.3%	15
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	300	320	13.7%	14.7%	↓	18.1%	13
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	50	45	10.0%	9.6%	↑	8.9%	98
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	2	5	0.9	2.3	↓	5.4	44
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	0	6	0.0	18.5	↓	15.9	53
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	7	5.7	3.3	↑	2.9	55
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	49	59	98.0%	98.3%	↑	92.1%	10
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	29	19	55.8%	37.3%	↓	41.6%	73
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	24	24	41.4%	37.5%	↓	42.1%	61
4th grade math (MAP)	34	23	59.6%	46.0%	↓	44.5%	46
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	19	14	38.8%	22.6%	↓	41.5%	108

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	10,258	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	9.5
	2023	10,499		2025	18.7
Child population under 18	2020	2,115	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	100.0%
	2024	2,134		2025	50.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	20.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.1
	2024	20.3%		2024	94.1
Child population under 6	2020	613	Family & Community		
	2024	614	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	67.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.0%		2020-2024	150.6
	2024	5.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	4.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	129		2020-2024	6.7%
	2024	169	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	0.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.1%		2024	15.1
	2024	7.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	38		2024	—%
	2024	60	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	2.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.2%		2024	1.4
	2024	9.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	21.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.0
	2020-2024	13.1%		2020-2024	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	75.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.7
	2020-2024	75.1%		2020-2024	49.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	9.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	9.8%		2020-2024	25.5
	2024	9.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	52.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	10.7%		2020-2024	129.3
	2024	10.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	24.0%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	18.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	0.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	26.1%		2019-2023	9**
	2020-2024	25.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	43.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	21.3%		2019-2023	60.0
	2024	20.2%	Uninsured children	2019	8.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$76,313		2023	5.3%
	2020-2024	\$96,818	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	4.5%		2024	93.0%
	2023	2.8%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	6.4%	<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).		