

# Ray 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	630	581	12.6%	11.2%	↑	15.3%	14
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	740	930	14.1%	17.6%	↓	18.1%	46
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	90	115	6.9%	9.3%	↓	8.9%	89
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	26	28	5.1	5.3	↓	5.4	105
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	17	33.2	23.7	↑	15.9	74
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	22	9	4.3	1.7	↑	2.9	19
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	207	186	90.4%	91.2%	↑	92.1%	92
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	180	84	64.7%	35.1%	↓	41.6%	85
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	79	65.0%	34.2%	↓	42.1%	79
4th grade math (MAP)	117	81	50.9%	35.1%	↓	44.5%	93
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	160	64	81.6%	27.9%	↓	41.5%	99

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	22,900	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	12.9
	2023	23,199		2025	25.2
Child population under 18	2020	5,115	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	5,281		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.8
	2024	22.8%		2024	93.1
Child population under 6	2020	1,592	Family & Community		
	2024	1,605	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	87.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.9%		2020-2024	54.9
	2024	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	442		2020-2024	12.4%
	2024	590	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	30.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.6%		2024	19.3
	2024	11.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	135		2024	—%
	2024	205	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	8.5%		2024	1.7
	2024	12.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	16.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	3.8
	2020-2024	20.2%		2020-2024	4.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	73.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	37.0
	2020-2024	73.6%		2020-2024	43.6
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Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	25.2%		2020-2024	44.7
	2024	19.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	43.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	11.8%		2020-2024	39.4
	2024	10.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	19.5%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	23.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	15.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	27.9%		2019-2023	18.2*
	2020-2024	32.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	81.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	26.0%		2019-2023	108.3
	2024	22.1%	Uninsured children	2019	6.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$73,032		2023	7.3%
	2020-2024	\$83,036	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.8%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	6.9%		2024	91.3%
	2023	3.3%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.4%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		