

Ripley County

County Seat: Doniphan

Population: 10,715

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	942	841	31.6%	33.0%	↓	15.3%	113
Food insecurity for children ^a	820	530	26.3%	20.9%	↑	18.1%	78
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	71	74	9.1%	10.2%	↓	8.9%	106
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	8	10	2.6	3.8	↓	5.4	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	14	44.1	46.1	↓	15.9	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	16	39	5.2	14.8	↓	2.9	114
Education							
High school graduation	138	129	88.5%	89.0%	↑	92.1%	104
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	68	65	48.6%	37.4%	↓	41.6%	72
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	112	52	62.6%	30.6%	↓	42.1%	92
4th grade math (MAP)	42	80	24.1%	51.0%	↑	44.5%	25
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	51	68	42.5%	40.5%	↓	41.5%	42

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	13,484	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	24.1
	2023	10,715		2025	62.4
Child population under 18	2020	3,075	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	2,627		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	24.5%		2024	92.7
Child population under 6	2020	965	Family & Community		
	2024	808	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	73.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.3%		2020-2024	30.2
	2024	7.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	6.4%
Minority child population under 18	2020	166		2020-2024	9.1%
	2024	250	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	16.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	5.4%		2024	18.4
	2024	9.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	2.6%
Minority child population under 6	2020	57		2024	2.1%
	2024	65	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	11.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	5.9%		2024	13.7
	2024	8.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	19.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	2.6
	2020-2024	24.6%		2020-2024	4.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	69.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	89.0
	2020-2024	69.7%		2020-2024	24.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	68.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	26.9%		2020-2024	29.3
	2024	20.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	113.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	30.4%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	32.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.8%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	29.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	32.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	55.3%		2019-2023	7.4**
	2020-2024	57.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	126.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	50.0%		2019-2023	149.2
	2024	54.1%	Uninsured children	2019	8.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$50,983		2023	6.3%
	2020-2024	\$60,864	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.9%		2024	90.7%
	2023	4.1%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	5.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	6.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		