

Scott County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,050	1,560	22.9%	17.5%	↑	15.3%	54
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,960	2,000	21.3%	21.8%	↓	18.1%	87
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	262	279	10.7%	12.1%	↓	8.9%	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	63	23	6.9	2.5	↑	5.4	49
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	46	33	41.4	27.2	↑	15.9	87
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	28	30	3.1	3.3	↓	2.9	56
Education							
High school graduation	449	473	92.2%	95.6%	↑	92.1%	44
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	280	144	51.7%	31.6%	↓	41.6%	103
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	277	176	52.2%	37.6%	↓	42.1%	60
4th grade math (MAP)	214	152	39.9%	33.2%	↓	44.5%	100
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	373	176	66.3%	32.7%	↓	41.5%	79

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	38,538	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	84.2
	2023	37,957		2025	98.7
Child population under 18	2020	9,144	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	2.6%
	2024	9,106		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.5
	2024	24.0%		2024	93.2
Child population under 6	2020	2,957	Family & Community		
	2024	2,836	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	36.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.7%		2020-2024	56.6
	2024	7.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.0%
Minority child population under 18	2020	2,157		2020-2024	16.5%
	2024	2,368	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	35.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	23.6%		2024	58.2
	2024	26.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.0%
Minority child population under 6	2020	735		2024	0.5%
	2024	785	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	5.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	24.9%		2024	4.6
	2024	27.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	27.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.9
	2020-2024	30.4%		2020-2024	9.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	60.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.7
	2020-2024	60.0%		2020-2024	16.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	22.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	31.0%		2020-2024	11.5
	2024	16.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	21.7%		2020-2024	35.6
	2024	15.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.1%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	23.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	21.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	42.5%		2019-2023	12.7*
	2020-2024	38.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	69.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	47.7%		2019-2023	107.1
	2024	44.2%	Uninsured children	2019	5.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$60,068		2023	5.3%
	2020-2024	\$73,585	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.0%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.3%		2024	92.2%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	13.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		