

Stone County

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Population: 32,630

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,196	1,209	23.4%	22.9%	↑	15.3%	88
Food insecurity for children ^a	950	1,080	18.0%	20.3%	↓	18.1%	70
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	113	103	8.7%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	50
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	17	10	3.2	1.8	↑	5.4	34
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	15	28.4	19.4	↑	15.9	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	6	6	1.1	1.1	↓	2.9	8
Education							
High school graduation	275	267	97.2%	94.7%	↓	92.1%	56
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	151	76	57.2%	33.9%	↓	41.6%	91
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	170	82	54.3%	30.0%	↓	42.1%	94
4th grade math (MAP)	114	104	43.5%	43.2%	↓	44.5%	63
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	196	96	50.9%	28.7%	↓	41.5%	96

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	31,875	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	24.3
	2023	32,630		2025	26.1
Child population under 18	2020	5,266	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	5,438		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	16.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	16.7%		2024	92.4
Child population under 6	2020	1,595	Family & Community		
	2024	1,660	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	63.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	4.9%		2020-2024	88.3
	2024	5.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	3.6%
Minority child population under 18	2020	427		2020-2024	7.0%
	2024	673	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	30.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.1%		2024	40.1
	2024	12.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	129		2024	0.9%
	2024	215	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	9.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	8.1%		2024	4.0
	2024	13.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	16.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	12.3
	2020-2024	18.1%		2020-2024	7.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	77.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	59.9
	2020-2024	77.8%		2020-2024	19.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	40.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	24.0%		2020-2024	14.7
	2024	13.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	96.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	23.0%		2020-2024	37.1
	2024	22.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	24.1%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	24.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	30.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	44.2%		2019-2023	21.1*
	2020-2024	40.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	96.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	34.7%		2019-2023	183.8
	2024	30.9%	Uninsured children	2019	10.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$55,426		2023	6.2%
	2020-2024	\$67,205	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	9.8%		2024	91.9%
	2023	4.6%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	6.5%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	4.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		