

Washington County

County Seat: Potosi

Population: 23,583

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,359	1,269	25.1%	24.4%	↑	15.3%	98
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,190	1,320	21.0%	24.1%	↓	18.1%	100
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	132	126	9.5%	10.2%	↓	8.9%	104
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	30	20	5.4	3.8	↑	5.4	74
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	20	31.7	26.2	↑	15.9	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	25	21	4.5	3.9	↑	2.9	68
Education							
High school graduation	224	225	96.6%	97.0%	↑	92.1%	26
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	210	105	66.9%	47.1%	↓	41.6%	23
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	155	120	56.4%	47.2%	↓	42.1%	18
4th grade math (MAP)	159	133	55.4%	52.6%	↓	44.5%	21
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	109	92	46.0%	37.7%	↓	41.5%	55

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	24,819	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	49.3
	2023	23,583		2025	51.3
Child population under 18	2020	5,536	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	5,326		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.4
	2024	22.6%		2024	92.1
Child population under 6	2020	1,708	Family & Community		
	2024	1,613	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	51.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.9%		2020-2024	13.0
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.6%
Minority child population under 18	2020	273		2020-2024	12.5%
	2024	341	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	12.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	4.9%		2024	30.2
	2024	6.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	103		2024	—%
	2024	135	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.0%		2024	5.4
	2024	8.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	27.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	7.9
	2020-2024	25.5%		2020-2024	5.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	64.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	45.6
	2020-2024	64.0%		2020-2024	31.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	32.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	31.3%		2020-2024	34.9
	2024	21.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	57.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	23.0%		2020-2024	18.9
	2024	21.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.3%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	23.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	45.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	46.6%		2019-2023	10.8**
	2020-2024	43.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	122.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	43.9%		2019-2023	163.3
	2024	41.6%	Uninsured children	2019	7.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$48,953		2023	6.8%
	2020-2024	\$66,987	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.5%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.2%		2024	92.4%
	2023	3.8%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	3.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	3.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		