

Wright County

County Seat: Hartville

Population: 19,505

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,359	1,153	29.2%	23.3%	↑	15.3%	91
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,160	1,070	25.0%	21.9%	↑	18.1%	89
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	88	90	7.1%	7.1%	↓	8.9%	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	11	7	2.3	1.4	↑	5.4	23
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	16	21.1	23.6	↓	15.9	73
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	12	13	2.5	2.6	↓	2.9	38
Education							
High school graduation	213	226	93.0%	97.4%	↑	92.1%	20
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	147	133	65.0%	56.4%	↓	41.6%	6
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	135	126	53.4%	51.6%	↓	42.1%	8
4th grade math (MAP)	108	119	42.2%	50.9%	↑	44.5%	26
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	128	145	58.4%	52.9%	↓	41.5%	8

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	18,256	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	66.5
	2023	19,505		2025	60.3
Child population under 18	2020	4,753	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	4.7%
	2024	5,055		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.1
	2024	25.9%		2024	94.2
Child population under 6	2020	1,574	Family & Community		
	2024	1,552	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	61.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.6%		2020-2024	59.0
	2024	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	315		2020-2024	13.3%
	2024	453	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	10.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.6%		2024	28.7
	2024	9.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	109		2024	—%
	2024	132	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	9.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.9%		2024	8.9
	2024	8.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	18.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.7
	2020-2024	23.1%		2020-2024	10.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	70.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	44.3
	2020-2024	70.9%		2020-2024	50.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	40.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	53.3%		2020-2024	46.4
	2024	19.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	22.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	28.7%		2020-2024	65.5
	2024	21.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	27.2%		2020-2024	66.7%
	2020-2024	27.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	24.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	60.1%		2019-2023	7.6**
	2020-2024	53.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	68.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	39.1%		2019-2023	118.5
	2024	33.5%	Uninsured children	2019	10.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$36,835		2023	7.8%
	2020-2024	\$53,199	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.6%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.0%		2024	93.7%
	2023	3.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		