

Clay County

County Seat: Liberty

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 239,164

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,909	5,057	12.1%	8.7%	↑	18.3%	3
Food insecurity for children ^b	10,420	8,480	18.1%	14.5%	↑	17.5%	6
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	1,020	1,024	6.6%	6.7%	↓	8.5%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	436	418	7.6	7.1	↑	7.1	71
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	381	302	6.6	5.1	↑	7.5	82
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	154	102	21.4	13.6	↑	21.6	12
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	110	73	1.9	1.2	↑	4.0	3
Education							
High school graduation	2,701	2,890	93.6%	95.6%	↑	91.3%	32
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		1,814		58.2%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		1,701		54.1%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		1,926		58.2%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		1,678		51.7%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	233,682
	2018	239,164
Child population under 18	2014	57,850
	2018	59,326
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.9%
	2018	24.5%
Child population under 6	2014	18,443
	2018	18,967
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.9%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	12,905
	2018	14,014
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	22.2%
	2018	23.6%
Minority child population under 6	2014	4,014
	2018	4,411
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	21.8%
	2018	23.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	28.3%
	2014-2018	27.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	70.7%
	2014-2018	71.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	16.0%
	2018	10.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	10.6%
	2014-2018	7.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.3%
	2014-2018	24.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	26.1%
	2014-2018	22.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	22.4%
	2018	18.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$73,113
	2014-2018	\$84,372
Adult unemployment	2014	5.4%
	2018	2.9%
Child homelessness	2014	1.9%
	2018	2.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	89.7
	2019	97.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	20.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.9%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	30.1
	2014-2018	42.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.2%
	2014-2018	8.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	20.6
	2018	16.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.2%
	2018	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	1.3
	2018	1.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.3
	2014-2018	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	16.3
	2014-2018	19.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	14.1
	2014-2018	12.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.5
	2014-2018	43.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	0.0%
	2014-2018	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	9.7
	2013-2017	17.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	80.1
	2013-2017	96.6
Uninsured children	2013	5.5%
	2017	3.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.5%
	2018	94.5%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)