### Economic Security

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<td>21.2% 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Children in Low-Income Families</strong> (below 200% of the federal poverty level)</td>
<td>48% 2012-16</td>
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<td>43% 2017-21</td>
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<td><strong>Children Living in Food Insecure Households</strong></td>
<td>17.9% 2019</td>
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### Education

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<td>51.4% SY 2017-18</td>
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<td><strong>Fourth Grade Students Proficient in Reading</strong></td>
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<td><strong>High School Students Graduating on Time</strong></td>
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### Health

**Smoking During Pregnancy**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 18.1% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 14.2% (2019-21)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 15.4% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 14.4% (2019-21)

**Low-Birthweight Babies**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 8.8% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 8.8% (2019-21)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 8.0% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 8.3% (2019-21)

**Children Under 19 with Health Insurance**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 96.7% (2016)
  - Latest: 96.1% (2021)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 97.1% (2016)
  - Latest: 96.3% (2021)

**Teen Births**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 31.7 (2014-16)
  - Latest: 22.8 (2019-21)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 31.4 (2014-16)
  - Latest: 22.5 (2019-21)

### Family & Community

**Births to Mothers Without a High School Degree**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 14.3% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 12.7% (2019-21)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 8.6% (2014-16)
  - Latest: 7.5% (2019-21)

**Children in Foster Care**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 43.7 (2015-17)
  - Latest: 50.1 (2020-22)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 64.5 (2015-17)
  - Latest: 66.0 (2020-22)

**Children Exiting Foster Care to Reunification**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 36% (2015-17)
  - Latest: 32% (2020-22)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 36% (2015-17)
  - Latest: 33% (2020-22)

**Youth Incarcerated in the Juvenile Justice System**
- **Kentucky**
  - Baseline: 20.5 (2015-17)
  - Latest: 13.2 (2020-22)
- **Hardin**
  - Baseline: 25.6 (2015-17)
  - Latest: 7.2 (2020-22)

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