

ECONOMIC SECURITY















	KENTUCKY			MERCER			
	BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE*	BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE*	RANKING**
CHILDREN IN POVERTY (below 100% of the federal poverty level)	24.4% 2016	21.2% 2021	✓	20.6% 2016	18.3% 2021	✓	23 of 120
CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES (below 200% of the federal poverty level)	48% 2012-16	43% 2017-21	✓	48% 2012-16	36% 2017-21	✓	12 of 120
CHILDREN LIVING IN FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS	17.9% 2019	15.2% 2021	✓	15.6% 2019	11.0% 2021	✓	14 of 120
HIGH RENTAL COST BURDEN	47% 2012-16	44% 2017-21	✓	47% 2012-16	41% 2017-21	✓	50 of 117

School district
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KINDERGARTENERS READY TO LEARN	51.4% SY 2017-18	46% SY 2022-23		Mercer County	37.8% SY 2017-18	48% SY 2022-23	 68 of 170
				Burgin Ind.	42.4% SY 2017-18	46% SY 2022-23	 79 of 170
FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN READING	46% SY 2021-22	48% SY 2022-23		Mercer County	42% SY 2021-22	44% SY 2022-23	 98 of 170
				Burgin Ind.	71% SY 2021-22	52% SY 2022-23	 44 of 170
EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN MATH	36% SY 2021-22	36% SY 2022-23		Mercer County	33% SY 2021-22	32% SY 2022-23	 91 of 163
				Burgin Ind.	40% SY 2021-22	51% SY 2022-23	 17 of 163
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING ON TIME	90.3% SY 2017-18	91.4% SY 2022-23		Mercer County	96.5% SY 2017-18	93.8% SY 2022-23	 76 of 167
				Burgin Ind.	93.9% SY 2017-18	100.0% SY 2022-23	 1 of 167

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HEALTH	SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY	18.1% 2014-16	14.2% 2019-21	✓	20.4% 2014-16	18.4% 2019-21	✓	54 of 120
	LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BABIES	8.8% 2014-16	8.8% 2019-21	=	7.6% 2014-16	9.4% 2019-21	✗	83 of 120
	CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITH HEALTH INSURANCE	96.7% 2016	96.1% 2021	✗	96.0% 2016	95.6% 2021	✗	68 of 120
	TEEN BIRTHS (rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	31.7 2014-16	22.8 2019-21	✓	32.3 2014-16	27.4 2019-21	✓	61 of 120
FAMILY & COMMUNITY	BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	14.3% 2014-16	12.7% 2019-21	✓	8.9% 2014-16	7.1% 2019-21	✓	9 of 120
	CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (rate per 1,000 children ages 0-17)	43.7 2015-17	50.1 2020-22	✗	42.4 2015-17	32.9 2020-22	✓	23 of 120
	CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE TO REUNIFICATION	36% 2015-17	32% 2020-22	✗	48% 2015-17	35% 2020-22	✗	44 of 110
	YOUTH INCARCERATED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (rate per 1,000 children ages 10-19)	20.5 2015-17	13.2 2020-22	✓	11.5 2015-17	0.0 2020-22	✓	1 of 109

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