

KENTUCKY

COUNTY

ECONOMIC SECURITY



	BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE*	BASELINE DATA	LATEST DATA	CHANGE SINCE BASELINE*
CHILDREN IN POVERTY (below 100% of the federal poverty level)	22.3% 2018	20.2% 2023	✓	43.5% 2021	38.4% 2023	✓
CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES (below 200% of the federal poverty level)	46% 2014-18	44% 2019-23	✓	69% 2014-18	57% 2019-23	✓
CHILDREN LIVING IN FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS	15.2% 2021	21.1% 2023	✗	21.5% 2021	28.6% 2023	✗
HIGH RENTAL COST BURDEN	46% 2014-18	45% 2019-23	✓	60% 2014-18	57% 2019-23	✓

School district level data

EDUCATION



KINDERGARTENERS READY TO LEARN	51.0% SY 2019-20	46% SY 2024-25	✗	Bell County	50.3% SY 2019-20	31% SY 2024-25	✗
FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN READING	50% SY 2023-24	50% SY 2024-25	=	Middlesboro Ind.	37.7% SY 2019-20	33% SY 2024-25	✗
EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN MATH	41% SY 2023-24	42% SY 2024-25	✓	Pineville Ind.	39.4% SY 2019-20	52% SY 2024-25	✓
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING ON TIME	90.9% SY 2019-20	93.5% SY 2024-25	✓	Bell County	47% SY 2023-24	53% SY 2024-25	✓
				Middlesboro Ind.	34% SY 2023-24	45% SY 2024-25	✓
				Pineville Ind.	64% SY 2023-24	43% SY 2024-25	✗
				Bell County	31% SY 2023-24	44% SY 2024-25	✓
				Middlesboro Ind.	S+ SY 2023-24	31% SY 2024-25	N/A
				Pineville Ind.	34% SY 2023-24	43% SY 2024-25	✓
				Bell County	96.1% SY 2019-20	93.2% SY 2024-25	✗
				Middlesboro Ind.	94.9% SY 2019-20	95.2% SY 2024-25	✓
				Pineville Ind.	100.0% SY 2019-20	97.7% SY 2024-25	✗

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HEALTH 	SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY	17.8% 2016-18	10.6% 2021-23	✓	35.2% 2016-18	21.6% 2021-23	✓
	LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BABIES	8.9% 2016-18	9.0% 2021-23	✗	11.0% 2016-18	9.3% 2021-23	✓
	CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITH HEALTH INSURANCE	96.3% 2018	96.7% 2023	✓	96.4% 2018	96.3% 2023	✗
	TEEN BIRTHS (rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	28.2 2016-18	21.0 2021-23	✓	56.3 2016-18	39.1 2021-23	✓
FAMILY & COMMUNITY 	BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE	13.6% 2016-18	12.2% 2021-23	✓	21.8% 2016-18	15.7% 2021-23	✓
	CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (rate per 1,000 children ages 0-17)	51.1 2017-19	39.4 2022-24	✓	26.9 2017-19	22.1 2022-24	✓
	CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE TO REUNIFICATION	37% 2017-19	38% 2022-24	✓	30% 2017-19	42% 2022-24	✓
	CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH POVERTY NEIGHBORHOODS	39% 2014-18	31% 2019-23	✓	100% 2014-18	72% 2019-23	✓

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