

Wells County



Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	6,265	91.2%	1,147,927	73.0%
Black	130	1.9%	205,415	13.1%
Hispanic	380	5.5%	174,893	11.1%
Asian	80	1.2%	41,230	2.6%
American Indian	11	0.2%	3,944	0.3%
Total Child Population	6,866		1,573,409	



Family and Community

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	9.1	9.1	8.9	31
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	13.8	23.9	18.8	33
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	15.5	18.6	20.8	69
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	9	8	622	18
Single Parent Families	30.8%	29.9%	36.2%	50



Economic Well-Being

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	15.8%	11.7%	17.8%	83
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	28.4%	28.0%	39.5%	81
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	7.8%	7.9%	7.7%	65
Food Insecure Children (2013 and 2016)	21.1%	17.7%	17.7%	49
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	2,183	1,595	687,926	75
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	4.9%	2.9%	3.5%	77
Median Household Income	\$51,182	\$55,221	\$54,134	32
Students Experiencing Homelessness	30	54	16,677	49



Health

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	2,781	2,540	700	24
Low Birthweight Babies	9.8%	6.1%	8.3%	72
Babies Born Prematurely	8.3%	9.5%	9.9%	46
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	67.9%	76.5%	68.6%	28
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	17.0%	18.6%	13.5%	45
Deaths, Ages 1-19	6	1	517	69
Infant Deaths, Under Age 1	2	0	602	80
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	1	1	1,138	72



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Education

Early Childhood

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	74	99	22,074	47
Licensed Child Care Centers	0	2	694	45
Licensed Child Care Homes	6	3	2,695	80
Licensed Child Care Center and Home Slots Rate per 100 Children, Ages 0-5	3.3	5.6	21.3	84
Children Receiving CCDF Child Care Vouchers	40	26	44,607	79
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	3	5	7,235	74
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ 3-4	0	2	1,334	59

Grades K-12

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	1.5%	2.1%	6.1%	78
IREAD-3, Students in 3rd Grade Passing	95.4%	91.2%	87.1%	29
English/Language Arts ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	70.8%	68.3%	64.1%	21
Math ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	60.1%	60.0%	58.3%	39
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	95.1%	97.3%	88.1%	4
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	4,779	4,981	1,112,639	52
English Learner Students	1.3%	1.4%	5.2%	44
Special Education Students	13.6%	14.1%	15.3%	79

College and Career

	2013	2016	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	57%	58%	64%	64
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	38%	36%	50%	89
21st Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	60%	87%	82%	15
College Students Needing Remediation	16%	17%	13%	17

HOW TO READ THIS DASHBOARD

The County Snapshot is a comprehensive collection of indicators on the well-being of Hoosier youth. Leaders, policymakers, and community members are encouraged to use the data, engage in advocacy, and inform policies, practices, and decision-making.

Change over time: Indicators can be compared over a four-year time span.

State Comparison: Indicators can be compared to Indiana, for the most recent year.

Ranking: For each indicator, higher rankings (1st) indicate the largest number or percentage and do not necessarily represent better outcomes for youth.

Discussion Questions: What is significant? What patterns exist? What questions does the data raise? What additional data should be explored? How might the data be used to inform work and improve youth outcomes?

SOURCES

Child Population: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Family and Community: Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Department of Correction, U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey

Health: County Health Rankings, Indiana State Department of Health

RESOURCES

The Indiana Youth Institute exists to improve the lives of all Indiana children by strengthening and connecting the people, organizations, and communities that are focused on children and youth.

2019 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book: Developed with you in mind, the 2019 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book provides an in-depth profile on child well-being. Download your copy at www.iyi.org.

KIDS COUNT® Data Center: Access up-to-date critical data and be equipped with the information you need to create measurable change. Visit www.iyi.org.

Data Requests: Curious about a youth issue? Submit a custom data request by contacting us at data@iyi.org.

Economic Well-Being: U.S. Census Bureau; Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Indiana Department of Education, Feeding America, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Education: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

