OVERALL RANK 2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE KENTUCKY



						RANK
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						34
	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
Children in poverty us 11,445,000 KY 209,000	17 % 2019	16 % 2023	↓ BETTER	22%	21%	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment us 18,437,000 KY 297,000	26 % 2019	25 % 2023	↓ BETTER	31%	29 %	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 KY 234,000	30 % 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	23%	23 %	= SAME
Teens not in school and not working us 1,168,000 KY 14,000	6 % 2019	7 % 2023	† Worse	8%	6 %	↓ BETTER

						RANK
EDUCATION						25
	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 KY 71,000	52 % 2014-18	54 % 2019-23	↑ Worse	58 % 2014-18	63 % 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. KY N.A.	66 % 2019	70 % 2024	↑ WORSE	65 %	67 %	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. KY N.A.	67 % 2019	73 % 2024	↑ WORSE	71%	76 %	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time	14 % 2018-19	13 % 2021-22	↓ BETTER	9% 2018-19	10%	↑ WORSE

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						RANK
HEALTH						31
	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
Low birth-weight babies us 308,263 KY 4,597	8.3 % 2019	8.6 % 2023	↑ Worse	8.7%	8.8%	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 KY 37,000	6 % 2019	5 % 2023	↓ BETTER	4%	3 %	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 KY 395	25 2019	29 2023	† Worse	29 2019	37 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. KY N.A.	31% 2018-19	31 % 2022-23	= Same	37 % 2018-19	33 % 2022-23	↓ BETTER

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY						RANK 41
	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 KY 336,000	34 % 2019	34 % 2023	= Same	36%	36 %	= SAME
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 7,998,000 кү 87,000	12 % 2019	11 % 2023	↓ BETTER	11%	9%	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 KY 112,000	10 % 2014-18	8 % 2019-23	↓ BETTER	15% 2014-18	11% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 us 140,977 кү 2,976	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	25 2019	21	↓ BETTER

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