

# Benton County



## Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	1,914	89.2%	1,138,465	72.6%
Black	40	1.9%	206,208	13.1%
Hispanic	179	8.3%	176,634	11.3%
Asian	6	0.3%	42,952	2.7%
American Indian	6	0.3%	3,871	0.2%
Total Population	2,145		1,568,130	



## Family and Community

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	11.8	13.9	21.8	76
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	9.5	17.2	17.2	61
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	3	3	483	39
Single Parent Families	23.5%	35.8%	34.2%	23



## Economic Well-Being

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	18.2%	17.8%	18.0%	35
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	37.3%	35.6%	40.5%	60
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	10.7%	10.7%	7.5%	11
Food Insecure Children (2014 and 2017)	19.8%	17.9%	17.4%	31
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	1,111	842	605,854	87
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	5.3%	3.2%	3.5%	55
Median Household Income	\$50,754	\$51,649	\$55,725	60
Students Experiencing Homelessness*	1	13	18,811	76



## Health

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	8,767	2,870	670	17
Low Birthweight Babies	5.6%	10.2%	8.1%	4
Babies Born Prematurely	7.5%	11.1%	10.2%	23
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	70.1%	69.4%	68.1%	59
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	24.3%	23.1%	11.5%	9
Deaths, Ages 1-19	0	0	531	85
Infants Deaths, Under Age 1	0	0	559	83
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	0	0	1098	80
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	N/A	N/A	8.2	N/A

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## Early Childhood

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	16	22	22,263	87
Licensed Child Care Centers	1	1	730	65
Licensed Child Care Homes	6	3	2,592	77
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	8	0	4,606	88
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ Levels 3 and 4	1	1	1,622	80

## Grades K-12

	2016	2019	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	2.2%	4.1%	5.9%	71
IREAD-3, Students in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Passing	88.4%	85.8%	87.3%	76
English/Language Arts ISTEP+ / ILEARN, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	67.4%	46.3%	47.9%	55
Math ISTEP+ / ILEARN Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	62.4%	47.3%	47.8%	51
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	93.7%	94.9%	87.3%	40
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	1,847	1,820	1,112,644	85
English Learner Students	2.5%	2.8%	5.8%	29
Special Education Students	22.9%	21.5%	14.9%	10

## College and Career

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	64.5%	66.2%	63.0%	21
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	50.0%	53.3%	50.1%	20
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	70.0%	88.9%	86.5%	29
College Students Needing Remediation	13.1%	11.3%	11.5%	45

### 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:** All rankings are out of 92 as data values may repeat. One equals greater number of youth affected.

**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

**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

### RESOURCES

IYI 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.

**2020 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book:** Developed with you in mind the 2020 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book provides an in-depth profile on child well-being. Download your copy at [www.iyi.org](http://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](http://www.iyi.org).

**Data Requests:** Curious about a youth issue? Submit a custom data request by contacting us at [data@iyi.org](mailto:data@iyi.org).

**Health:** County Health Rankings, Indiana State Department of Health  
**Education:** Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration \*The homeless data from IDOE differs significantly from prior reported data. We are continuing to research the source of these variations and encourage all invested parties to ask clarifying questions at the local and state levels.

