

Blackford County



Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	2,399	92.4%	1,138,465	72.6%
Black	63	2.4%	206,208	13.1%
Hispanic	100	3.9%	176,634	11.3%
Asian	29	1.1%	42,952	2.7%
American Indian	6	0.2%	3,871	0.2%
Total Population	2,597		1,568,130	



Family and Community

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	16.8	29.8	21.8	29
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	34.2	42.0	17.2	5
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	0	4	483	29
Single Parent Families	18.7%	36.6%	34.2%	19



Economic Well-Being

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	24.0%	22.3%	18.0%	13
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	45.5%	44.6%	40.5%	22
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	8.1%	11.7%	7.5%	4
Food Insecure Children (2014 and 2017)	24.6%	17.4%	17.4%	39
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	2,134	1,478	605,854	71
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	9.8%	3.9%	3.5%	16
Median Household Income	\$39,611	\$45,161	\$55,725	85
Students Experiencing Homelessness*	1	0	18,811	90



Health

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	6,241	3,990	670	8
Low Birthweight Babies	9.9%	6.9%	8.1%	55
Babies Born Prematurely	8.3%	9.7%	10.2%	50
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	78.5%	76.6%	68.1%	26
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	25.6%	24.1%	11.5%	7
Deaths, Ages 1-19	0	1	531	69
Infants Deaths, Under Age 1	0	1	559	64
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	5	2	1098	63
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	N/A	N/A	8.2	N/A

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Education

Early Childhood

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	23	27	22,263	84
Licensed Child Care Centers	2	1	730	65
Licensed Child Care Homes	7	4	2,592	69
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	2	1	4,606	77
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ Levels 3 and 4	2	2	1,622	67

Grades K-12

	2016	2019	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	7.0%	7.1%	5.9%	6
IREAD-3, Students in 3 rd Grade Passing	82.9%	89.8%	87.3%	49
English/Language Arts ISTEP+/ILEARN, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	64.1%	45.7%	47.9%	60
Math ISTEP+/ILEARN Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	63.1%	54.6%	47.8%	15
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	91.9%	93.8%	87.3%	55
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	1,723	1,586	1,112,644	86
English Learner Students	1.0%	0.5%	5.8%	72
Special Education Students	15.4%	17.3%	14.9%	46

College and Career

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	62.6%	50.4%	63.0%	87
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	53.3%	42.3%	50.1%	74
21 st Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	86.2%	92.9%	86.5%	12
College Students Needing Remediation	23.8%	5.9%	11.5%	85

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.

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.

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.

