

Wells County



Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	6,377	91.3%	1,138,465	72.6%
Black	151	2.2%	206,208	13.1%
Hispanic	356	5.1%	176,634	11.3%
Asian	87	1.2%	42,952	2.7%
American Indian	11	0.2%	3,871	0.2%
Total Population	6,982		1,568,130	



Family and Community

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	27.4	29.6	21.8	32
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	23.6	12.9	17.2	78
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	2	4	483	29
<i>Single Parent Families</i>	11.2%	26.1%	34.2%	73



Economic Well-Being

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	13.8%	12.0%	18.0%	75
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	28.4%	29.3%	40.5%	81
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	8.3%	8.4%	7.5%	47
Food Insecure Children (2014 and 2017)	19.7%	15.7%	17.4%	61
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	2,017	1,327	605,854	74
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	4.1%	2.8%	3.5%	75
<i>Median Household Income</i>	\$55,987	\$60,010	\$55,725	23
Students Experiencing Homelessness*	34	45	18,811	56



Health

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	2,781	2,540	670	21
Low Birthweight Babies	6.2%	6.6%	8.1%	61
Babies Born Prematurely	7.7%	11.0%	10.2%	26
<i>Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care</i>	69.9%	70.1%	68.1%	57
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	16.8%	13.1%	11.5%	63
Deaths, Ages 1-19	0	7	531	19
Infants Deaths, Under Age 1	2	1	559	64
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	3	3	1098	55
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	12.9	N/A	8.2	N/A

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Education

Early Childhood

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	71	96	22,263	51
Licensed Child Care Centers	1	2	730	45
Licensed Child Care Homes	4	2	2,592	83
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	5	2	4,606	71
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ Levels 3 and 4	0	3	1,622	53

Grades K-12

	2016	2019	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	1.1%	2.2%	5.9%	85
IREAD-3, Students in 3 rd Grade Passing	85.5%	89.3%	87.3%	55
English/Language Arts ISTEP+/ILEARN, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	69.9%	50.5%	47.9%	29
Math ISTEP+/ILEARN Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	58.4%	51.2%	47.8%	28
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	95.8%	95.4%	87.3%	10
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	4,859	5,026	1,112,644	51
English Learner Students	1.4%	1.6%	5.8%	45
Special Education Students	13.9%	13.7%	14.9%	86

College and Career

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	58.6%	55.8%	63.0%	71
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	43.2%	36.4%	50.1%	85
21 st Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	76.6%	89.7%	86.5%	24
College Students Needing Remediation	16.3%	9.2%	11.5%	60

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.

