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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# KENTUCKY



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 12,243,000   KY 220,000	17%	17%	= SAME	22%	22%	= SAME
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 21,143,000   KY 333,000	26%	29%	↑ WORSE	31%	33%	↑ WORSE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 21,857,000   KY 245,000	30%	30%	= SAME	23%	24%	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,234,000   KY 23,000	6%	7%	↑ WORSE	8%	9%	↑ WORSE

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## EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,380,000   KY 68,000	53%	54%	↑ WORSE	58%	60%	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   KY N.A.	66%	68%	↑ WORSE	65%	69%	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   KY N.A.	67%	74%	↑ WORSE	71%	79%	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> US N.A.   KY N.A.	14%	14%	= SAME	9%	9%	= SAME

N.A.: Not available \*Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 311,932   KY 4,761	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	8.7% 2019	9.1% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,165,000   KY 43,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	4% 2021	= SAME
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,198   KY 398	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	29 2019	37 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   KY N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	37% 2018-19	41% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			KENTUCKY		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,626,000   KY 310,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	36% 2019	33% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,269,000   KY 104,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	11% 2019	10% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 6,086,000   KY 124,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	16% 2012-16	12% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 146,973   KY 3,191	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	25 2019	22 2021	↓ BETTER

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