

KENTUCKY

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| OVERALL SCORE 498 BETTER | OVERALL RANK 36 |
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| ECONOMIC WELL-BEING | SCORE | RANK |
| | 507 BETTER | 39 |

| | UNITED STATES | | | KENTUCKY | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Children in poverty US 11,117,000 KY 192,000 | 17% 2019 | 15% 2024 | ↓ BETTER | 22% 2019 | 19% 2024 | ↓ BETTER |
| Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 KY 287,000 | 26% 2019 | 25% 2024 | ↓ BETTER | 31% 2019 | 28% 2024 | ↓ BETTER |
| Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 KY 232,000 | 30% 2019 | 31% 2024 | ↑ WORSE | 23% 2019 | 23% 2024 | STABLE |
| Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 KY 20,000 | 6% 2019 | 7% 2024 | ↑ WORSE | 8% 2019 | 8% 2024 | STABLE |

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| EDUCATION | SCORE | RANK |
| | 429 WORSE | 22 |

| | UNITED STATES | | | KENTUCKY | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 KY 70,000 | 52% 2015-19 | 54% 2020-24 | ↑ WORSE | 59% 2015-19 | 63% 2020-24 | ↑ WORSE |
| Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. KY N.A. | 66% 2019 | 70% 2024 | ↑ WORSE | 65% 2019 | 67% 2024 | ↑ WORSE |
| Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. KY N.A. | 67% 2019 | 73% 2024 | ↑ WORSE | 71% 2019 | 76% 2024 | ↑ WORSE |
| High school students not graduating on time US N.A. KY N.A. | 14% 2018-19 | 13% 2023-24 | ↓ BETTER | 9% 2018-19 | 8% 2023-24 | ↓ BETTER |

N.A.: Not available

Note: Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.



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| HEALTH | UNITED STATES | | | KENTUCKY | | SCORE | RANK |
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| | 2019 | 2024 | TREND | 2019 | 2024 | 556 BETTER | 31 |
| Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 KY 4,640 | 8.3% | 8.5% | ↑ WORSE | 8.7% | 8.8% | ↑ WORSE | |
| Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 KY 54,000 | 6% | 6% | STABLE | 4% | 5% | ↑ WORSE | |
| Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 KY 335 | 25 | 27 | ↑ WORSE | 29 | 31 | ↑ WORSE | |
| Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. KY N.A. | 31% | 30% | ↓ BETTER | 37% | 33% | ↓ BETTER | |

| FAMILY AND COMMUNITY | UNITED STATES | | | KENTUCKY | | SCORE | RANK |
|---|---------------|------|-------------|----------|------|---------------|------|
| | 2019 | 2024 | TREND | 2019 | 2024 | 501 BETTER | 44 |
| Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 KY 316,000 | 34% | 34% | STABLE | 36% | 34% | ↓ BETTER | |
| Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 KY 103,000 | 12% | 11% | ↓ BETTER | 11% | 10% | ↓ BETTER | |
| Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 KY 109,000 | 9% | 7% | ↓ BETTER | 15% | 11% | ↓ BETTER | |
| Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 KY 2,975 | 17 | 13 | ↓ BETTER | 25 | 20 | ↓ BETTER | |

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