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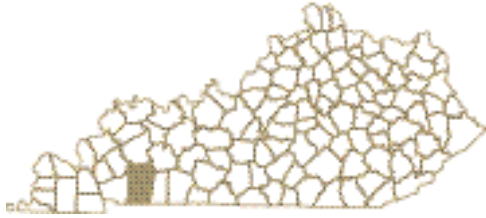
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# Christian County

Child Well-Being Ranking: 61

## CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS

|  | Base Period    |      | Recent Period  |      | Rank | Trend  |
|--|----------------|------|----------------|------|------|--------|
|  | #              | Rate | #              | Rate |      |        |
| <b>Healthy Births (percent of live births)</b>                   | <b>1987-89</b> |      | <b>1997-99</b> |      |      |        |
| Birthweight of at least 5.5 pounds                               | 3556           | 91   | 4033           | 92   | 40   | Better |
| 5-minute APGAR score of 9 or 10                                  | 3315           | 85   | 3808           | 86   | 100  | Better |
| Start prenatal care in first trimester                           | 2159           | 55   | 3415           | 78   | 102  | Better |
| At least 10 prenatal visits                                      | 2371           | 61   | 3451           | 78   | 73   | Better |
| Healthy Birth Index—all indicators present                       | 1432           | 37   | 2482           | 56   | 97   | Better |
| <b>Maternal Risk Characteristics (percent of live births)</b>    | <b>1987-89</b> |      | <b>1997-99</b> |      |      |        |
| Under age 20   | 619            | 16   | 608            | 14   | 18   | Better |
| Unmarried  | 799            | 20   | 1042           | 24   | 30   | Worse  |
| Not a high school graduate                                       | 889            | 23   | 819            | 19   | 18   | Better |
| Maternal Risk Index—all indicators present                       | 243            | 6    | 249            | 6    | 31   | Same   |
| <b>Child Mortality</b>   | <b>1985-89</b> |      | <b>1995-99</b> |      |      |        |
| Infant mortality (deaths under age 1 per 1,000 live births)      | 58             | 9    | 40             | 5    | 4    | Better |
| Child deaths (average annual deaths per 100,000 ages 1-14)       | 24             | 27   | 25             | 34   | 33   | Worse  |
| <b>Student Performance</b>                                       | <b>1993</b>    |      | <b>1999</b>    |      |      |        |
| Average daily attendance (percent of students enrolled)          | 8431           | 95   | 7976           | 94   | 45   | Worse  |
| Students retained (percent of students enrolled)                 | 357            | 6    | 298            | 5    | 81   | Better |
|  | <b>1997</b>    |      | <b>2000</b>    |      |      |        |
| 6th grade reading skills (CTBS mean normal curve equivalent)     | —              | 48   | —              | 47   | 103  | Worse  |
| 6th grade math skills (CTBS mean normal curve equivalent)        | —              | 45   | —              | 49   | 66   | Better |
| <b>Teen Indicators</b>   | <b>1987-89</b> |      | <b>1997-99</b> |      |      |        |
| Teen births (average annual births per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)   | 203            | 46   | 200            | 51   | 115  | Worse  |
|  | <b>1993</b>    |      | <b>1999</b>    |      |      |        |
| High school dropouts (percent of students grades 7-12)           | 195            | 5    | 57             | 2    | 5    | Better |
| High school grads not in school or working (percent)             | 53             | 11   | 18             | 4    | 20   | Better |
| <b>Economic Security</b>   | <b>1989</b>    |      | <b>1997</b>    |      |      |        |
| Child poverty (percent of children under age 18 in poverty)      | 4580           | 26   | 4737           | 25   | 57   | Better |
|  | <b>1999</b>    |      | <b>2000</b>    |      |      |        |
| Child support payments (percent of obligated payments collected) | —              | 56   | —              | 68   | 4    | Better |

**Legend:** \* Rates not provided when number is less than 6. — Number does not apply.  
Rates defined in parentheses. Ranks based on recent period with 1 as best. Trends getting better or worse based on change in rates. Child Well-Being Ranking based on the average indicator ranks.

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## CHILDREN AT RISK

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

|                                   | 1998       | 1999       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Physical abuse reports</b>     | <b>258</b> | <b>253</b> |
| Rate per 1,000 under age 18       | 14         | 14         |
| Percent under age 5               | 28         | 27         |
| Percent girls                     | 44         | 49         |
| Percent substantiated             | 27         | 35         |
| <b>Sexual abuse reports</b>       | <b>60</b>  | <b>29</b>  |
| Rate per 1,000 under age 18       | 3          | 2          |
| Percent under age 5               | 25         | 10         |
| Percent girls                     | 80         | 66         |
| Percent substantiated             | 37         | 45         |
| <b>Emotional abuse reports</b>    | <b>34</b>  | <b>24</b>  |
| Rate per 1,000 under age 18       | 2          | 1          |
| Percent under age 5               | 24         | 33         |
| Percent girls                     | 38         | 50         |
| Percent substantiated             | 6          | 0          |
| <b>Neglect/dependency reports</b> | <b>570</b> | <b>554</b> |
| Rate per 1,000 under age 18       | 30         | 30         |
| Percent under age 5               | 40         | 47         |
| Percent girls                     | 50         | 45         |
| Percent substantiated             | 27         | 30         |

For statewide child abuse and neglect data for 1990-1999,  
 Visit our website at [www.kyouth.org](http://www.kyouth.org)  
 Ten Year trend charts available in KYA's Chart Gallery

### PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Due to reporting errors, these data may not be accurate. See page 26.

|                         | 1999        |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Law violations</b>   | <b>2241</b> |
| Expulsions              | 21          |
| Suspensions             | 2030        |
| Alternative placements  | 190         |
| <b>Board violations</b> | <b>2422</b> |
| Expulsions              | 0           |
| Suspensions             | 2336        |
| Alternative placements  | 85          |
| Corporal punishments    | 1           |

### JUVENILE JUSTICE

|                                    | 1998       | 1999       |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total juvenile offenders</b>    | <b>107</b> | <b>102</b> |
| <b>Demographic characteristics</b> |            |            |
| Percent under age 13               | 4          | 2          |
| Percent ages 13-17                 | 96         | 98         |
| Percent girls                      | 25         | 28         |
| Percent boys                       | 75         | 72         |
| Percent white                      | 27         | 44         |
| Percent black                      | 68         | 52         |
| Percent other races                | 5          | 4          |
| <b>Type of offense</b>             |            |            |
| Percent against persons            | 50         | 44         |
| Percent against property           | 18         | 21         |
| Percent alcohol related            | 2          | 0          |
| Percent drug related               | 7          | 10         |
| Percent other offense              | 22         | 25         |
| <b>Sentence</b>                    |            |            |
| Percent committed                  | 31         | 23         |
| Percent probated                   | 69         | 77         |

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

|  | 1996 | 2000 |
|--|------|------|
| Medicaid ( <i>recipients under age 18</i> )                | 3427 | 4112 |
| Food stamps ( <i>recipients under age 19</i> )             | 4352 | 3409 |
| K-TAP ( <i>recipients under age 18</i> )                   | 1495 | 602  |
| Free and reduced lunches<br>( <i>recipients age 5-17</i> ) | 5278 | 5785 |

|  | 1996 | 1999 |
|--|------|------|
| SSI ( <i>recipients under age 18</i> ) | 442  | 428  |

### ADOLESCENT VIOLENT DEATHS

(deaths ages 10-19 by accident, homicide, suicide)

|              | 1990-94   | 1995-99   |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>29</b> |
| Accidents    | 19        | 21        |
| Homicides    | 1         | 4         |
| Suicides     | 1         | 4         |

## GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

|                          | 1990         | 1999         |   | 1987-89     | 1997-99     |                          | 1989        | 1997        |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total population</b>  | <b>68941</b> | <b>71941</b> | <b>Total live births</b>                  | <b>3898</b> | <b>4406</b> | <b>Poverty rates</b>     |             |             |
| Percent under 5          | 9            | 8            | Crude birth rate                          | 19          | 20          | Total persons            | 18          | 17          |
| Percent ages 5-17        | 17           | 17           | ( <i>Births per 1,000 population</i> )    |             |             | Under age 5              | 27          | 27          |
| Percent age 65 and older | 10           | 11           | General fertility rate                    | 87          | 96          | Ages 5-17                | 25          | 24          |
|                          |              |              | ( <i>Births per 1,000 females 15-44</i> ) |             |             |                          |             |             |
| Percent white            | 73           | 73           | <b>Total deaths</b>                       | <b>1591</b> | <b>1667</b> |                          | <b>1990</b> | <b>1999</b> |
| Percent black            | 25           | 25           | Crude death rate                          | 8           | 8           | <b>Unemployment rate</b> | 7           | 4           |
| Percent Hispanic         | 3            | 5            | ( <i>Deaths per 1,000 population</i> )    |             |             |                          | <b>1990</b> | <b>1998</b> |
|                          |              |              |   |             |             | <b>Per capita income</b> | 12089       | 17314       |