General Health & Access

8 in 10 children (ages 0-14) in Wise County had ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’ health, according to their parents.

85% of children had a Primary Care Provider.

61% had very easy access to immunizations.

Nearly 2,700 were uninsured at some point during the year.

Nearly 1,500 have specialized healthcare needs.

School Age Children (5-14)

24% had academic problems.

14% had behavioral problems at school.

More than half of parents talked daily about child’s friends/interests/problems.

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1 in 5 have problems with self-esteem.

24% had dental insurance.

Nearly half had dental problems (toothache, decayed teeth, cavities, etc).

1 in 5 children did not receive all necessary dental care.

83% of parents said child eats healthy meals most of the time.

64% had 5 or more family meals together in the last week.

Parents of Young Children (0-5)

85% of parents are coping very well with parenthood.

74% of parents have day-to-day emotional help/support with parenting.

19% of parents didn’t know if child was buckled up properly.

52% lock up medications.

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Mental Health

8% of children (ages 5-14) diagnosed with mental illness or disorder.

16% of children (ages 0-15) received assistance for mental illness, behavioral, emotional, or developmental problem.

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