

# Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

County  
Composite  
Rank

2013  
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,473	1,329	18.9%	18%	↑	20.4%	23
Food insecurity for children*	1,810	1,490	22.4%	18.9%	↑	20.8%	9
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	138	129	6.7%	6.9%	↓	8.0%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	60	54	7.3	7.1	↑	7.6	72
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	38	48	4.6	6.3	↓	10.2	76
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	37	24	34.4	23.2	↑	25.0	36
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	40	49	5	6.5	↓	4.5	64
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	415	372	91.8%	93.7%	↑	90.2%	49
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	156	216	41.7%	55.2%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	200	208	49.6%	57.6%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	168	175	43.1%	47.4%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	219	232	57.9%	58.7%		62.2%	

<sup>^</sup>Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

\* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

# Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

**LEGEND:** ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2011	33,232
	2015	32,701
Child population under 18	2011	8,012
	2015	7,596
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	24.1%
	2015	23.2%
Child population under 6	2011	2,445
	2015	2,259
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.4%
	2015	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2011	668
	2015	769
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	8.3%
	2015	10.1%
Minority child population under 6	2011	230
	2015	261
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	2.9%
	2015	3.4%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	22.1%
	2011-2015	33.3%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	77.4%
	2011-2015	65.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	17.7%
	2011-2015	19.6%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	18.9%
	2011-2015	18%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	23.5%
	2011-2015	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	31.4%
	2011-2015	32.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	35.7%
	2015	30.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$56,474
	2011-2015	\$66,360
Adult unemployment	2011	9.8%
	2015	4.8%
Child homelessness	2011	0.8%
	2015	1.4%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	73.5
	2016	101.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	23.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	95.2%
	2015	95.2%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	57.1
	2011-2015	26.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	12.6%
	2011-2015	14.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	48.8
	2015	28.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	0.8%
	2015	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	3.6
	2015	1.8
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	0%
	2011-2015	0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	6.3
	2011-2015	10.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	19.4
	2011-2015	21.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	9.1
	2011-2015	19.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	62.1
	2011-2015	27.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	17.4
	2010-2014	25.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	93.4
	2010-2014	112.6
Uninsured children	2010	7%
	2014	7.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	94.6%
	2015	94.7%

\*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.