

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

County
Composite
Rank

2013
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Population: 58,615

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,555	2,875	24.7%	20.7%	↑	20.4%	33
Food insecurity for children*	3,730	2,980	25.6%	20.4%	↑	20.8%	24
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	274	249	7.1%	6.9%	↑	8.0%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	139	100	9.4	7	↑	7.6	67
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	93	63	6.3	4.4	↑	10.2	41
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	93	55	47.4	29	↑	25.0	53
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	46	30	3.1	2.1	↑	4.5	3
Education							
Graduation rate	554	560	86.2%	91.5%	↑	90.2%	84
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	312	350	48.6%	54.9%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	371	306	57.4%	50.6%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	355	274	58.1%	43.4%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	395	331	62.1%	59.9%		62.2%	

[^]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	58,823
	2015	58,615
Child population under 18	2011	14,766
	2015	14,207
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	25.3%
	2015	24.2%
Child population under 6	2011	4,657
	2015	4,417
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.9%
	2015	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2011	2,506
	2015	2,590
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	17%
	2015	18.2%
Minority child population under 6	2011	895
	2015	869
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	6.1%
	2015	6.1%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	26.8%
	2011-2015	23.5%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	72.8%
	2011-2015	76.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	25.4%
	2011-2015	23.3%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	24.7%
	2011-2015	20.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	26.2%
	2011-2015	26.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	44.7%
	2011-2015	40.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	39.2%
	2015	35.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$45,254
	2011-2015	\$51,014
Adult unemployment	2011	7.8%
	2015	4.5%
Child homelessness	2011	4.5%
	2015	7.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	69.6
	2016	77.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	11.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.5%
	2015	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	78.9
	2011-2015	73.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	12.5%
	2011-2015	9.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	36.3
	2015	36.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	2.5%
	2015	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	12.1
	2015	13.7
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	51.8%
	2011-2015	0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	8
	2011-2015	5.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	29.8
	2011-2015	22.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	16.6
	2011-2015	15.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	88.8
	2011-2015	54.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	71.4%
	2011-2015	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	37.9
	2010-2014	26
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	43.9
	2010-2014	35.8
Uninsured children	2010	9.3%
	2014	9.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.8%
	2015	94.5%

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