

# Vernon County

County Seat: Nevada

County  
Composite  
Rank

2013  
**100**

2017  
**81**

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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	1,513	1,356	30.5%	28.1%	↑	20.4%	82
Food insecurity for children*	1,400	1,280	27.5%	24.4%	↑	20.8%	76
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	77	93	5.6%	7%	↓	8.0%	35
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	35	28	6.7	5.5	↑	7.6	36
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	44	35	8.4	6.9	↑	10.2	88
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	38	27	44.4	31.8	↑	25.0	60
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	30	38	5.8	7.5	↓	4.5	75
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	214	253	80.8%	89.4%	↑	90.2%	98
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	90	124	44.6%	51.7%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	137	143	50.2%	57.7%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	148	94	61.9%	37.9%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	138	149	55.4%	52.1%		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	20,980
	2015	20,826
Child population under 18	2011	5,181
	2015	5,050
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	24.7%
	2015	24.2%
Child population under 6	2011	1,651
	2015	1,561
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.9%
	2015	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2011	316
	2015	372
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	6.1%
	2015	7.4%
Minority child population under 6	2011	125
	2015	129
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	2.4%
	2015	2.6%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	36.1%
	2011-2015	35.6%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	62.5%
	2011-2015	61.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	41%
	2011-2015	28.6%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	30.5%
	2011-2015	28.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	33.3%
	2011-2015	25.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	50.5%
	2011-2015	47.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	41.4%
	2015	36.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$37,908
	2011-2015	\$42,958
Adult unemployment	2011	7.1%
	2015	5%
Child homelessness	2011	3%
	2015	5.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	66.4
	2016	77.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	5.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	95%
	2015	94.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	95.2
	2011-2015	38
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	18%
	2011-2015	14.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	84.2
	2015	69.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	4.2%
	2015	2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	2.7
	2015	6.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	69%
	2011-2015	72.5%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	7.3
	2011-2015	8.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	30.3
	2011-2015	39.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	23.3
	2011-2015	33.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	61.7
	2011-2015	68.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	75%
	2011-2015	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	6.6
	2010-2014	13.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	60.7
	2010-2014	54.8
Uninsured children	2010	9.3%
	2014	10.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	94.1%
	2015	93.7%

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