

# Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

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Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,598	1,284	21.0%	17.6%	↑	19.2%	26
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,630	1,380	20.0%	17.6%	↑	18.6%	15
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	144	127	7.2%	6.8%	↑	8.2%	26
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	46	53	5.7	7.0	↓	7.2	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	29	44	3.6	5.8	↓	9.2	77
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	43	24	41.8	24.4	↑	23.3	55
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	40	59	5.1	7.9	↓	4.2	85
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	405	365	94.0%	96.8%	↑	91.5%	35
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	174	216	45.8%	55.2%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	227	221	56.9%	55.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	166	165	43.9%	41.0%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	229	221	51.7%	69.3%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2011 and 2015.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

<sup>d</sup> If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

<sup>e</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	33,104
	2016	32,618
Child population under 18	2012	7,877
	2016	7,496
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.8%
	2016	23.0%
Child population under 6	2012	2,395
	2016	2,270
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.2%
	2016	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2012	709
	2016	748
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	9.0%
	2016	10.0%
Minority child population under 6	2012	255
	2016	248
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	10.6%
	2016	10.9%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	23.7%
	2012-2016	37.2%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	75.8%
	2012-2016	62.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	13.9%
	2012-2016	22.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	21.0%
	2012-2016	14.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	19.9%
	2012-2016	16.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	30.3%
	2012-2016	35.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	38.4%
	2016	29.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$59,090
	2012-2016	\$62,599
Adult unemployment	2012	7.4%
	2016	4.3%
Child homelessness	2012	0.9%
	2016	1.3%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	82.1
	2017	93.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	57.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.2%
	2016	95.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	57.2
	2012-2016	28.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.2%
	2012-2016	10.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	53.0
	2016	32.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.5%
	2016	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	3.4
	2016	3.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	3.6%
	2012-2016	3.9%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.0
	2012-2016	10.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	20.0
	2012-2016	20.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	9.1
	2012-2016	22.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	76.1
	2012-2016	14.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	17.5
	2011-2015	23.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	103.0
	2011-2015	114.5
Uninsured children	2011	6.9%
	2015	6.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.1%
	2016	95.0%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.