

# Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 38,381

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,701	2,203	27.9%	23.3%	↑	19.2%	53
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,430	2,110	23.9%	21.4%	↑	18.6%	66
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	201	176	7.8%	7.1%	↑	8.2%	39
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	45	47	4.5	4.9	↓	7.2	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	55	37	5.5	3.8	↑	9.2	43
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	58	40	46.6	31.0	↑	23.3	72
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	66	44	6.6	4.5	↑	4.2	46
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	404	438	87.8%	94.4%	↑	91.5%	68
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>a,e</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	153	251	38.3%	57.0%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	270	289	54.5%	63.5%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	210	215	46.7%	57.0%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	267	244	52.6%	63.4%		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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2014  
**70**

2018  
**49**

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	38,397
	2016	38,381
Child population under 18	2012	9,931
	2016	9,673
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	25.9%
	2016	25.2%
Child population under 6	2012	3,089
	2016	2,948
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.0%
	2016	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2012	1,447
	2016	1,487
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	14.6%
	2016	15.4%
Minority child population under 6	2012	504
	2016	487
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	16.3%
	2016	16.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	34.2%
	2012-2016	25.9%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	65.5%
	2012-2016	73.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	42.6%
	2012-2016	36.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	27.9%
	2012-2016	21.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	23.8%
	2012-2016	17.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	44.2%
	2012-2016	49.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	42.9%
	2016	37.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$48,140
	2012-2016	\$43,646
Adult unemployment	2012	6.0%
	2016	4.3%
Child homelessness	2012	2.7%
	2016	2.4%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	44.6
	2017	40.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.6%
	2016	95.2%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	88.9
	2012-2016	21.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	11.1%
	2012-2016	7.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	18.3
	2016	23.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.1%
	2016	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	7.7
	2016	9.1
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	35.2%
	2012-2016	35.0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	6.2
	2012-2016	6.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	22.7
	2012-2016	16.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	14.2
	2012-2016	10.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	67.6
	2012-2016	44.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	50.0%
	2012-2016	25.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	12.6
	2011-2015	16.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	70.2
	2011-2015	70.0
Uninsured children	2011	9.9%
	2015	7.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.9%
	2016	94.2%

<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.