

Linn County

County Seat: Linneus

County
Composite
Rank

2014
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Population: 12,164

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	691	681	23.9%	24.2%	↓	19.2%	61
Food insecurity for children ^b	700	670	22.4%	22.3%	↑	18.6%	74
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	45	58	6.0%	8.1%	↓	8.2%	70
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	39	23	12.8	7.8	↑	7.2	83
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	11	22	3.6	7.4	↓	9.2	93
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	9	29.6	24.0	↑	23.3	54
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	17	20	5.7	6.9	↓	4.2	75
Education							
Graduation rate	189	174	94.5%	96.7%	↑	91.5%	36
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	78	127	51.0%	67.2%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	93	110	48.7%	71.4%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	96	99	57.8%	56.9%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	92	121	55.1%	69.9%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e 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	12,481
	2016	12,164
Child population under 18	2012	2,982
	2016	2,885
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.9%
	2016	23.7%
Child population under 6	2012	907
	2016	890
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.3%
	2016	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2012	175
	2016	184
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	5.9%
	2016	6.4%
Minority child population under 6	2012	66
	2016	63
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	7.3%
	2016	7.1%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	21.4%
	2012-2016	38.9%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	78.6%
	2012-2016	60.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	26.7%
	2012-2016	33.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	23.9%
	2012-2016	22.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	21.1%
	2012-2016	14.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	32.5%
	2012-2016	50.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	37.3%
	2016	31.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$52,321
	2012-2016	\$41,886
Adult unemployment	2012	8.3%
	2016	6.8%
Child homelessness	2012	1.7%
	2016	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	67.1
	2017	41.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	33.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.9%
	2016	96.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	45.2
	2012-2016	49.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	6.0%
	2012-2016	10.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	35.9
	2016	7.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.2%
	2016	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	8.4
	2016	11.4
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	15.0%
	2012-2016	14.9%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	8.0
	2012-2016	4.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	11.5
	2012-2016	34.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	0.0
	2012-2016	33.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	33.8
	2012-2016	36.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	72.3
	2011-2015	94.8
Uninsured children	2011	7.7%
	2015	9.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.8%
	2016	95.4%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.