

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 58,694

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,303	2,968	23.1%	21.4%	↑	19.2%	40
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,530	2,650	23.9%	18.3%	↑	18.6%	20
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	273	233	7.1%	6.5%	↑	8.2%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	96	80	6.5	5.6	↑	7.2	41
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	109	44	7.4	3.1	↑	9.2	34
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	78	65	40.5	34.6	↑	23.3	81
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	74	14	5.0	1.0	↑	4.2	2
Education							
Graduation rate	566	542	87.6%	90.5%	↑	91.5%	98
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	268	373	41.2%	55.8%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	342	302	52.6%	49.7%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	372	339	58.2%	52.2%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	364	370	59.6%	65.6%		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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2014
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2018
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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	59,071
	2016	58,694
Child population under 18	2012	14,700
	2016	14,188
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.9%
	2016	24.2%
Child population under 6	2012	4,662
	2016	4,357
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.9%
	2016	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2012	2,564
	2016	2,588
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	17.4%
	2016	18.2%
Minority child population under 6	2012	907
	2016	886
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	19.5%
	2016	20.3%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	26.8%
	2012-2016	23.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	73.1%
	2012-2016	76.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	27.0%
	2012-2016	32.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	23.1%
	2012-2016	17.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	21.2%
	2012-2016	18.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	44.4%
	2012-2016	40.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	40.8%
	2016	34.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$46,573
	2012-2016	\$51,559
Adult unemployment	2012	6.2%
	2016	4.3%
Child homelessness	2012	5.6%
	2016	7.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	78.3
	2017	77.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	11.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.7%
	2016	95.0%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	78.1
	2012-2016	72.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.1%
	2012-2016	7.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	37.0
	2016	44.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.2%
	2016	2.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	12.4
	2016	7.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	49.7%
	2012-2016	49.6%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.3
	2012-2016	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	28.5
	2012-2016	26.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	14.9
	2012-2016	17.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	74.4
	2012-2016	69.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	75.0%
	2012-2016	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	38.9
	2011-2015	23.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	41.5
	2011-2015	36.9
Uninsured children	2011	9.5%
	2015	8.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.0%
	2016	94.5%

^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.