

# Vernon County

County Seat: Nevada

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 20,723

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,452	1,233	29.8%	25.7%	↑	19.2%	71
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,450	1,180	27.2%	22.9%	↑	18.6%	85
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	77	92	5.8%	7.0%	↓	8.2%	33
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	28	33	5.4	6.5	↓	7.2	63
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	31	36	6.0	7.1	↓	9.2	92
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	36	19	42.0	22.4	↑	23.3	42
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	46	27	9.0	5.4	↑	4.2	64
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	223	232	86.4%	89.2%	↑	91.5%	104
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	94	161	41.8%	64.4%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	133	126	53.2%	57.5%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	126	121	58.3%	49.4%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	125	141	45.5%	51.6%		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  
**92**

2018  
**89**

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	20,762
	2016	20,723
Child population under 18	2012	5,098
	2016	5,005
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.6%
	2016	24.2%
Child population under 6	2012	1,607
	2016	1,559
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.7%
	2016	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2012	359
	2016	391
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	7.0%
	2016	7.8%
Minority child population under 6	2012	141
	2016	141
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	8.8%
	2016	9.0%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	35.7%
	2012-2016	31.0%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	62.4%
	2012-2016	68.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	34.9%
	2012-2016	36.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	29.8%
	2012-2016	23.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	26.2%
	2012-2016	19.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	47.5%
	2012-2016	48.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	44.5%
	2016	35.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$38,882
	2012-2016	\$44,222
Adult unemployment	2012	5.9%
	2016	4.8%
Child homelessness	2012	3.0%
	2016	4.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	56.5
	2017	61.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	6.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.3%
	2016	95.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	84.9
	2012-2016	26.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	12.0%
	2012-2016	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	124.6
	2016	60.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.5%
	2016	2.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	3.1
	2016	3.8
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	70.7%
	2012-2016	70.9%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	9.1
	2012-2016	9.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	31.2
	2012-2016	39.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	23.2
	2012-2016	43.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	84.4
	2012-2016	21.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	61.8
	2011-2015	49.7
Uninsured children	2011	8.5%
	2015	8.0%
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.