

Lafayette County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **54**

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County Seat: Lexington

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,450	1,338	19.3%	18.4%	↑	18.5%	31
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,530	1,330	18.9%	17.4%	↑	17.4%	21
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	126	132	6.4%	7.2%	↓	8.4%	36
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	52	59	6.6	7.9	↓	7.1	82
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	58	43	7.4	5.7	↑	8.0	87
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	31	31	30.9	31.8	↓	22.5	73
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	43	19	5.6	2.5	↑	3.3	28
Education							
Graduation rate	374	375	92.6%	94.0%	↑	91.0%	48
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		255		60.3%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		230		61.3%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		197		50.4%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	32,943	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	95.8
	2017	32,641		2018	90.1
Child population under 18	2013	7,693	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	7,483		2018	14.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.2%
	2017	22.9%		2018	95.2%
Child population under 6	2013	2,301	Family & Community		
	2017	2,276	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	49.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.0%		2013-2017	37.0
	2017	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.1%
Minority child population under 18	2013	716		2013-2017	10.6%
	2017	725	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	37.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	9.3%		2017	42.1
	2017	9.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.7%
Minority child population under 6	2013	259		2017	0.5%
	2017	246	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	2.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	11.3%		2017	2.0
	2017	10.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.6
	2013-2017	39.1%		2013-2017	11.0
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	73.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.7
	2013-2017	59.9%		2013-2017	28.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	9.1
Children in poverty under 6	2013	20.8%		2013-2017	26.1
	2017	16.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	63.3
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	17.0%		2013-2017	40.7
	2017	18.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	22.6%		2013-2017	75.0%
	2013-2017	22.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	15.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	31.0%		2012-2016	23.9*
	2013-2017	36.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	112.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	34.5%		2012-2016	116.4
	2017	28.9%	Uninsured children	2012	7.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$62,555		2016	5.0%
	2013-2017	\$61,466	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.6%		2017	94.7%
	2017	3.7%			
Child homelessness	2013	1.1%			
	2017	2.2%			

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

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).