

Lawrence County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,792	2,386	29.3%	25.2%	↑	18.5%	74
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,350	1,940	23.2%	19.9%	↑	17.4%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	197	183	7.7%	7.3%	↑	8.4%	39
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	52	56	5.2	5.8	↓	7.1	51
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	48	32	4.8	3.3	↑	8.0	35
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	66	59	53.2	46.1	↑	22.5	111
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	58	18	5.9	1.9	↑	3.3	11
Education							
Graduation rate	414	372	92.4%	89.4%	↓	91.0%	99
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		269		61.3%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		257		59.6%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		250		55.4%		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

Total population	2013	38,185
	2017	38,434
Child population under 18	2013	9,775
	2017	9,710
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.6%
	2017	25.3%
Child population under 6	2013	3,033
	2017	3,008
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.0%
	2017	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2013	1,489
	2017	1,542
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	15.2%
	2017	15.9%
Minority child population under 6	2013	511
	2017	511
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	16.8%
	2017	17.0%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	32.1%
	2013-2017	26.8%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	66.9%
	2013-2017	72.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	31.9%
	2017	21.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	26.6%
	2017	23.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.0%
	2013-2017	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	46.7%
	2013-2017	47.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	41.2%
	2017	35.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$46,817
	2013-2017	\$46,800
Adult unemployment	2013	5.7%
	2017	3.6%
Child homelessness	2013	2.1%
	2017	3.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	38.7
	2018	44.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.5%
	2018	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	74.6
	2013-2017	28.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.0%
	2013-2017	7.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	8.0
	2017	25.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.8%
	2017	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	8.3
	2017	7.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.1
	2013-2017	8.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.7
	2013-2017	18.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	14.3
	2013-2017	15.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	66.7
	2013-2017	32.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	50.0%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	14.4*
	2012-2016	18.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	67.8
	2012-2016	76.8
Uninsured children	2012	10.0%
	2016	5.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.0%
	2017	93.8%

^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).