

Newton County

County Composite Rank

2015 **64**

2019 **45**

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County Seat: Neosho

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,327	2,594	23.5%	19.0%	↑	18.5%	32
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,200	2,480	21.6%	17.5%	↑	17.4%	24
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	256	251	6.8%	7.1%	↓	8.4%	35
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	103	70	7.0	4.9	↑	7.1	35
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	103	36	7.0	2.5	↑	8.0	22
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	70	64	36.9	34.3	↑	22.5	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	41	6	2.8	0.4	↑	3.3	1
Education							
Graduation rate	570	599	88.8%	89.5%	↑	91.0%	96
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		351		52.6%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		296		46.3%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		347		51.1%		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	58,845	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	78.9
	2017	58,290		2018	83.5
Child population under 18	2013	14,459	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	13,972		2018	10.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.7%
	2017	24.0%		2018	95.1%
Child population under 6	2013	4,491	Family & Community		
	2017	4,351	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	60.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.6%		2013-2017	90.0
	2017	7.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	8.1%
Minority child population under 18	2013	2,554		2013-2017	7.6%
	2017	2,614	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	6.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	17.7%		2017	45.3
	2017	18.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.8%
Minority child population under 6	2013	878		2017	1.9%
	2017	913	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	11.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	19.6%		2017	6.4
	2017	21.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.7
	2013-2017	24.0%		2013-2017	6.5
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	72.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	24.4
	2013-2017	75.6%		2013-2017	28.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	18.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	28.2%		2013-2017	15.6
	2017	26.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	51.8
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	20.6%		2013-2017	85.7
	2017	17.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	25.6%		2013-2017	75.0%
	2013-2017	22.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	38.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	43.6%		2012-2016	20.3*
	2013-2017	41.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	42.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	38.3%		2012-2016	41.5
	2017	35.5%	Uninsured children	2012	9.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$49,099		2016	6.0%
	2013-2017	\$53,662	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.8%
Adult unemployment	2013	5.6%		2017	94.3%
	2017	3.6%			
Child homelessness	2013	6.4%			
	2017	6.8%			

^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).