

Vernon County

County Composite Rank

2015 **83**

2019 **76**

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County Seat: Nevada

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,521	1,159	31.0%	24.7%	↑	18.5%	72
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,400	1,060	26.2%	20.8%	↑	17.4%	75
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	92	82	7.1%	6.4%	↑	8.4%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	22	26	4.3	5.2	↓	7.1	40
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	17	28	3.3	5.6	↓	8.0	84
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	28	23	32.4	27.1	↑	22.5	63
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	23	12	4.5	2.4	↑	3.3	24
Education							
Graduation rate	191	201	86.0%	89.3%	↑	91.0%	100
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		124		52.5%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		126		59.7%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		97		39.4%		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	20,949
	2017	20,437
Child population under 18	2013	5,097
	2017	4,922
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.4%
	2017	24.1%
Child population under 6	2013	1,576
	2017	1,553
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.5%
	2017	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	355
	2017	357
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	6.9%
	2017	7.3%
Minority child population under 6	2013	133
	2017	109
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	8.4%
	2017	7.0%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	40.9%
	2013-2017	27.7%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	56.9%
	2013-2017	71.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	31.9%
	2017	21.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	27.7%
	2017	23.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.9%
	2013-2017	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	48.0%
	2013-2017	44.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	39.2%
	2017	35.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$39,138
	2013-2017	\$51,047
Adult unemployment	2013	5.5%
	2017	3.9%
Child homelessness	2013	3.7%
	2017	4.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	56.3
	2018	70.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.8%
	2018	95.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	86.5
	2013-2017	38.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	11.7%
	2013-2017	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	33.1
	2017	98.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.6%
	2017	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	2.5
	2017	5.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.5
	2013-2017	7.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	30.0
	2013-2017	56.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	18.6
	2013-2017	64.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	84.9
	2013-2017	21.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	13.2**
	2012-2016	7.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	58.6
	2012-2016	50.4
Uninsured children	2012	10.3%
	2016	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.7%
	2017	94.9%

^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).