

Webster County

County Composite Rank

2015 **61**

2019 **66**

Population: 38,665

County Seat: Marshfield

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,134	2,746	32.0%	26.4%	↑	18.5%	78
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,280	2,020	22.9%	20.1%	↑	17.4%	65
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	154	159	5.9%	5.7%	↑	8.4%	5
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	74	48	7.5	4.7	↑	7.1	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	32	22	3.2	2.1	↑	8.0	14
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	47	40.2	38.2	↑	22.5	95
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	45	57	4.5	5.4	↓	3.3	69
Education							
Graduation rate	335	268	93.3%	91.8%	↓	91.0%	71
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		193		52.6%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		209		55.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		197		53.5%		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	36,466
	2017	38,665
Child population under 18	2013	9,938
	2017	10,543
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	27.2%
	2017	27.3%
Child population under 6	2013	3,015
	2017	3,455
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.3%
	2017	8.9%
Minority child population under 18	2013	461
	2017	541
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	4.7%
	2017	5.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	134
	2017	197
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	4.4%
	2017	5.7%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	23.8%
	2013-2017	21.3%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	76.0%
	2013-2017	78.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	25.9%
	2017	20.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	29.3%
	2017	25.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.6%
	2013-2017	22.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	43.1%
	2013-2017	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	32.5%
	2017	27.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$47,694
	2013-2017	\$54,375
Adult unemployment	2013	6.4%
	2017	3.9%
Child homelessness	2013	1.2%
	2017	3.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	56.9
	2018	51.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	7.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.9%
	2018	95.0%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	38.3
	2013-2017	29.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	8.3%
	2013-2017	7.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	34.7
	2017	35.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.0%
	2017	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	2.9
	2017	5.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.9
	2013-2017	8.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	26.1
	2013-2017	29.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.3
	2013-2017	23.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	57.4
	2013-2017	57.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	9.2*
	2012-2016	41.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	77.9
	2012-2016	77.8
Uninsured children	2012	11.4%
	2016	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.3%
	2017	94.5%

^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).