

Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,213	1,697	23.5%	17.7%	↑	16.8%	38
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,880	1,480	19.4%	15.1%	↑	12.8%	74
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	183	182	7.3%	7.3%	↑	8.9%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	51	30	5.3	3.0	↑	6.3	13
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	30	18	3.1	1.8	↑	5.1	35
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	29	33.4	23.4	↑	16.8	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	33	14	3.4	1.4	↑	2.7	13
Education							
High school graduation	391	412	91.6%	89.6%	↓	91.2%	96
Achievement proficiency ^c							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	192	148	42.5	37.3		41.0%	69
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	227	183	48.2	39.5		41.9%	58
4th grade math (MAP)	189	164	41.4	40.9		43.0%	68
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	173	103	38.7	24.3		41.2%	102

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^c Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	38,133	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	34.0
	2022	38,683		2023	23.3
Child population under 18	2018	9,667	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	9,854		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	25.5%		2022	93.4
Child population under 6	2018	3,093	Family & Community		
	2022	3,136	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	28.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.1%		2018-2022	59.1
	2022	8.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,589		2018-2022	11.6%
	2022	1,966	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	22.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	16.4%		2022	40.4
	2022	20.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	513		2022	1.6%
	2022	630	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	16.6%		2022	4.8
	2022	20.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	26.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.4
	2018-2022	16.1%		2018-2022	5.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.5
	2018-2022	73.8%		2018-2022	36.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	28.9%		2018-2022	21.1
	2022	16.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	32.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	22.4%		2018-2022	101.2
	2022	16.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	25.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.9%		2018-2022	33.3%
	2018-2022	24.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	18.7*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	47.3%		2017-2021	27.3*
	2018-2022	44.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	76.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	35.0%		2017-2021	83.2
	2022	28.9%	Uninsured children	2017	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$46,800		2021	7.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$64,870	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%		2022	92.3%
	2022	2.4%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	3.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	2.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		