Vernon County

County Seat: Nevada

Population: 19,651

	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
Outcome Measures	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,109	1,027	24.0%	22.9%	1	16.8%	78
Food insecurity for children ^a	930	660	18.7%	13.6%	↑	12.8%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	82	80	6.4%	6.5%	¥	8.9%	17
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	40	25	8.1	5.4	^	6.3	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ª	30	17	6.1	3.7	↑	5.1	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	15	22.9	20.4	^	16.8	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	22	29	4.5	6.3	¥	2.7	90
Education							
High school graduation	204	211	92.7%	93.0%	1	91.2%	63
Achievement proficiency ^c 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	70	58	34.5	28.9		41.0%	107
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	107	82	43.9	33.5		41.9%	90
4th grade math (MAP)	78	40	32.2	19.2		43.0%	114
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	28	77	16.2	36.5		41.2%	65

Trend: \uparrow better \checkmark worse \rightarrow 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

Demographics		
Total population	2018	20,691
	2022	19,651
Child population under 18	2018	4,841
Children un den 10 er	2022	4,630
Children under 18 as	2018 2022	23.8%
% of total population	2022	23.6% 1,492
Child population under 6	2018	1,479
Children under 6 as	2018	7.3%
% of total population	2022	7.5%
Minority child population	2018	363
under 18ª	2022	467
Minority child population under 18 as % of child	2018	7.5%
population ^a	2022	10.1%
Minority child population	2018	108
under 6ª	2022	159
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6	2018	7.2%
child population ^a	2022	10.8%
Children in single-parent	2013-2017	27.7%
families	2018-2022	15.4%
Children in married-parent	2013-2017	71.1%
families	2018-2022	73.6%
Economic Well-being		
Children under 6 in families in	2018	28.9%
poverty	2022	16.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in	2018	22.6%
poverty	2022	21.4%
Housing cost-burdened	2013-2017	24.1%
households	2018-2022	20.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of	2013-2017	44.2%
poverty level	2018-2022	43.2%
Children in families receiving	2018	35.9%
SNAP	2022	32.7%
Median income family household with children	2013-2017	\$\$51,047
under 18	2018-2022	\$\$61,111
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.5%
Child homelessness	2018	4.7%
	2022	2.5%

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Education		
Licensed child care capacity	2018	65.5
(per 1,000)	2023	25.9
Accredited child care capacity	2018	0.0%
as % of licensed capacity	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
School attendance, grades it iz	2022	93.6
Family & Community		
Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per	2013-2017	38.9
100,000)	2018-2022	69.4
Single parent head-of-house-	2013-2017	9.1%
hold with children under 18	2018-2022	11.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals,	2018	60.7
ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2022	77.7
Annual high school dropout	2018	1.0%
rate	2022	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering	2018	2.9
state custody (per 1,000)	2022	6.0
Health		
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.0
	2018-2022	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17	2013-2017	56.5
(per 100,000)	2018-2022	41.1
Child deaths ages 1-14	2013-2017	64.5
(per 100,000)	2018-2022	39.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	21.5
Unrestrained automobile	2018-2022 2013-2017	47.0 0.0%
fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Substance abuse		
hospitalizations ages 1-19	2012-2016 2017-2021	7.0** 40.5*
(per 100,000) ^c Mental/behavioral		
hospitalizations (not substance	2012-2016	50.4
abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2017-2021	120.7
Uninsured children	2017	6.7%
	2021	9.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
School attenuance, grades 9-12	2022	92.3%

^aDue to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).