

Webster County

County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 40,335

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,597	2,569	24.7%	23.5%	↑	16.8%	84
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,990	1,220	19.5%	11.5%	↑	12.8%	37
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	159	225	5.7%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	34
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	44	60	4.2	5.4	↓	6.3	61
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	18	16	1.7	1.4	↑	5.1	26
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	48	36	37.9	27.0	↑	16.8	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	49	39	4.6	3.5	↑	2.7	53
Education							
High school graduation	299	273	90.1%	91.9%	↑	91.2%	78
Achievement proficiency ^c							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	138	136	40.6	42.5		41.0%	44
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	163	49.4	44.2		41.9%	32
4th grade math (MAP)	139	129	38.6	37.5		43.0%	88
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	179	127	53.0	34.5		41.2%	74

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	38,082	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	56.5
	2022	40,335		2023	45.7
Child population under 18	2018	10,663	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	6.6%
	2022	11,147		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	27.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.8
	2022	27.6%		2022	93.4
Child population under 6	2018	3,493	Family & Community		
	2022	3,570	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	29.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.9%		2018-2022	42.6
	2022	8.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	555		2018-2022	9.2%
	2022	854	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	40.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.2%		2022	25.8
	2022	7.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	187		2022	1.2%
	2022	254	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	5.4%		2022	3.4
	2022	7.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	21.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.2
	2018-2022	16.0%		2018-2022	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	78.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	29.3
	2018-2022	77.0%		2018-2022	20.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	17.2%		2018-2022	18.5
	2022	16.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	23.6%		2018-2022	31.3
	2022	22.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.6%		2018-2022	33.3%
	2018-2022	18.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	41.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	43.2%		2017-2021	8.7*
	2018-2022	35.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	77.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	25.2%		2017-2021	88.8
	2022	19.9%	Uninsured children	2017	7.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$54,375		2021	8.8%
	Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018
2022		2.2%	2022		93.2%
Child homelessness	2018	4.2%	^a Due 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).		
	2022	1.6%			