

Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 32,589

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,487	1,058	20.1%	14.6%	↑	18.3%	18
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,520	1,360	19.0%	17.9%	↑	17.5%	36
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	123	141	6.4%	7.6%	↓	8.5%	47
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	46	68	5.7	9.1	↓	7.1	98
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	41	55	5.1	7.3	↓	7.5	107
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	33	22	32.4	23.1	↑	21.6	45
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	65	21	8.2	2.8	↑	4.0	25
Education							
High school graduation	342	392	94.5%	96.3%	↑	91.3%	24
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		170		45.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		180		48.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		147		34.8%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		175		45.5%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	32,688
	2018	32,589
Child population under 18	2014	7,889
	2018	7,471
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.2%
	2018	23.2%
Child population under 6	2014	2,267
	2018	2,307
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.9%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	739
	2018	732
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	9.7%
	2018	9.8%
Minority child population under 6	2014	254
	2018	245
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	11.2%
	2018	10.6%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	28.0%
	2014-2018	36.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	69.8%
	2014-2018	61.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	21.4%
	2018	20.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	19.1%
	2014-2018	13.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	23.7%
	2014-2018	23.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	30.6%
	2014-2018	35.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	31.0%
	2018	27.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$65,244
	2014-2018	\$64,558
Adult unemployment	2014	5.9%
	2018	3.2%
Child homelessness	2014	1.7%
	2018	2.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	96.5
	2019	71.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	18.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.5%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	42.5
	2014-2018	27.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.1%
	2014-2018	9.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	30.5
	2018	42.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.8%
	2018	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.7
	2018	1.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.2
	2014-2018	8.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	15.0
	2014-2018	29.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	9.2
	2014-2018	22.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	39.4
	2014-2018	41.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	75%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	10.1*
	2013-2017	15.2*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	99.4
	2013-2017	107.5
Uninsured children	2013	7.2%
	2017	4.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.2%
	2018	94.6%

^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)