

Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 38,133

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,566	2,213	27.2%	23.5%	↑	18.3%	69
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,350	1,880	23.4%	19.4%	↑	17.5%	67
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	185	189	7.5%	7.5%	→	8.5%	43
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	43	51	4.3	5.3	↓	7.1	40
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	46	30	4.6	3.1	↑	7.5	44
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	45	42	36.9	33.4	↑	21.6	81
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	65	33	6.6	3.4	↑	4.0	30
Education							
High school graduation	364	391	87.9%	91.6%	↑	91.3%	85
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		192		42.5%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		227		48.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		189		41.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		173		38.7%		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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2016
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2020
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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	38,023
	2018	38,133
Child population under 18	2014	9,917
	2018	9,667
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	25.5%
	2018	25.4%
Child population under 6	2014	2,961
	2018	3,093
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.8%
	2018	8.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	1,459
	2018	1,589
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	15.1%
	2018	16.4%
Minority child population under 6	2014	478
	2018	513
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	16.1%
	2018	16.6%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	24.7%
	2014-2018	28.9%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	73.4%
	2014-2018	70.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.4%
	2018	28.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	25.3%
	2014-2018	22.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.4%
	2014-2018	25.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	48.5%
	2014-2018	48.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	39.4%
	2018	35.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$47,583
	2014-2018	\$46,059
Adult unemployment	2014	5.9%
	2018	3.0%
Child homelessness	2014	3.0%
	2018	3.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	40.7
	2019	34.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	52.6
	2014-2018	22.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.6%
	2014-2018	8.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	13.7
	2018	22.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.3%
	2018	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	11.8
	2018	6.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.3
	2014-2018	9.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	27.9
	2014-2018	20.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	16.9
	2014-2018	15.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	77.6
	2014-2018	33.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	33.3%
	2014-2018	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	9.6*
	2013-2017	18.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	56.0
	2013-2017	69.9
Uninsured children	2013	9.4%
	2017	6.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.9%
	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)