

Linn County

County Seat: Linneus

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 12,186

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	851	709	29.8%	25.7%	↑	18.3%	82
Food insecurity for children ^b	660	630	21.6%	21.6%	→	17.5%	93
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	40	60	5.7%	8.5%	↓	8.5%	76
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	26	15	8.5	5.1	↑	7.1	37
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	24	14	7.9	4.8	↑	7.5	78
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	24	5	61.9	13	↑	21.6	11
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	16	15	5.3	5.3	↓	4.0	61
Education							
High school graduation	177	149	95.7%	96.8%	↑	91.3%	18
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		99		63.5%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		106		57.3%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		69		52.7%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		75		51.4%		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	12,311
	2018	12,186
Child population under 18	2014	3,037
	2018	2,834
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.9%
	2018	23.9%
Child population under 6	2014	866
	2018	871
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.0%
	2018	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2014	173
	2018	187
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	5.9%
	2018	6.6%
Minority child population under 6	2014	57
	2018	63
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	6.6%
	2018	7.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	29.8%
	2014-2018	36.9%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	68.8%
	2014-2018	63.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	27.4%
	2018	27.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	26.1%
	2014-2018	23.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	24.1%
	2014-2018	18.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	38.4%
	2014-2018	45.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	33.6%
	2018	30.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$48,060
	2014-2018	\$49,805
Adult unemployment	2014	8.0%
	2018	4.7%
Child homelessness	2014	0.9%
	2018	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	54.3
	2019	42.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	33.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	96.2%
	2018	95.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	71.1
	2014-2018	104.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	5.5%
	2014-2018	10.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	18.7
	2018	5.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.1%
	2018	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	9.9
	2018	6.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	4.3
	2014-2018	7.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.7
	2014-2018	48.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	8.0
	2014-2018	29.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	70.1
	2014-2018	117.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	10.6**
	2013-2017	5.7**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	69.0
	2013-2017	101.7
Uninsured children	2013	9.6%
	2017	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.5%
	2018	95%

^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)