

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,853	3,029	20.4%	22.5%	↓	18.3%	59
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,180	2,310	21.6%	16.4%	↑	17.5%	16
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	246	263	6.6%	7.4%	↓	8.5%	42
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	84	74	5.7	5.3	↑	7.1	41
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	58	33	3.9	2.4	↑	7.5	27
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	71	71	37.2	38.2	↓	21.6	99
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	31	17	2.1	1.2	↑	4.0	4
Education							
High school graduation	533	498	90.8%	87.5%	↓	91.3%	106
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		247		41.0%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		246		39.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		225		33.9%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		244		48.0%		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	58,598
	2018	58,202
Child population under 18	2014	14,599
	2018	13,796
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.5%
	2018	24.2%
Child population under 6	2014	4,444
	2018	4,265
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.6%
	2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	2,586
	2018	2,665
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	18.0%
	2018	19.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	878
	2018	917
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	19.8%
	2018	21.5%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	24.3%
	2014-2018	24.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	75.0%
	2014-2018	75.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	27.3%
	2018	27.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	18.9%
	2014-2018	21.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.3%
	2014-2018	23.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	42.6%
	2014-2018	42.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	34.7%
	2018	34.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$50,324
	2014-2018	\$53,688
Adult unemployment	2014	5.3%
	2018	3.0%
Child homelessness	2014	7.3%
	2018	5.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	76.6
	2019	75.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	12.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.1%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	80.7
	2014-2018	69.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.6%
	2014-2018	7.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	35.3
	2018	42.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.5%
	2018	2.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	18.3
	2018	7.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	6.5
	2014-2018	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	21.7
	2014-2018	28.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.2
	2014-2018	14.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	61.5
	2014-2018	78.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	33.3%
	2014-2018	85.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	24.9
	2013-2017	13.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	33.1
	2013-2017	43.2
Uninsured children	2013	10.1%
	2017	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.4%
	2018	94.2%

^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)