

Webster County

County
Composite
Rank

2016
65

2020
73

County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 38,082

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,783	2,597	28.1%	24.7%	↑	18.3%	77
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,450	1,990	24.5%	19.5%	↑	17.5%	69
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	152	169	5.8%	5.9%	↓	8.5%	6
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	63	44	6.3	4.2	↑	7.1	19
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	23	18	2.3	1.7	↑	7.5	16
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	56	48	46.6	37.9	↑	21.6	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	62	49	6.2	4.6	↑	4.0	56
Education							
High school graduation	277	299	93.0%	90.1%	↓	91.3%	93
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		138		40.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		160		49.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		139		38.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		179		53.0%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

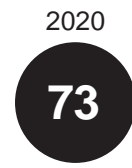
^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^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	36,888
	2018	38,082
Child population under 18	2014	9,987
	2018	10,663
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	27.2%
	2018	27.2%
Child population under 6	2014	3,032
	2018	3,493
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.2%
	2018	8.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	484
	2018	555
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	4.8%
	2018	5.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	140
	2018	187
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	4.6%
	2018	5.4%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	24.3%
	2014-2018	21.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	75.1%
	2014-2018	77.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	22.1%
	2018	17.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	26.2%
	2014-2018	23.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	25.6%
	2014-2018	23.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.4%
	2014-2018	42.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	29.9%
	2018	25.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$48,675
	2014-2018	\$60,250
Adult unemployment	2014	6.0%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	1.1%
	2018	4.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	57.5
	2019	56.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	6.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.3%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	46.5
	2014-2018	22.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	10.0%
	2014-2018	6.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	31.4
	2018	40.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.3%
	2018	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	3.9
	2018	4.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	8.0
	2014-2018	6.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	33.9
	2014-2018	17.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	26.6
	2014-2018	13.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	68.1
	2014-2018	22.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	0.0%
	2014-2018	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	16.5*
	2013-2017	27.0*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	68.6
	2013-2017	71.1
Uninsured children	2013	10.5%
	2017	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.3%

^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)