

Audrain County

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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2022

County Seat: Mexico

Population: 25,336

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,477	1,492	25.7%	27.4%	↓	15.5%	93
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,280	970	21%	16.3%	↑	15.1%	54
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	136	156	8%	9.9%	↓	8.7%	105
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	24	39	4	6.9	↓	7.1	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	33	32	5.5	5.6	↓	6.2	101
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	13	35.2	18	↑	18.8	38
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	28	23	4.7	4.1	↑	3.2	58
Education							
High school graduation	209	215	86.7%	91.9%	↑	91.3%	78
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	26,021
	2020	25,336
Child population under 18	2016	5,985
	2020	5,676
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23%
	2020	22.9%
Child population under 6	2016	1,960
	2020	1,848
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.5%
	2020	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2016	989
	2020	973
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	16.5%
	2020	17.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	347
	2020	310
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	17.7%
	2020	16.8%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	33.4%
	2016-2020	24.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	65.2%
	2016-2020	67.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.1%
	2020	26.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	26.9%
	2016-2020	28%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	23.8%
	2016-2020	22.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	42.5%
	2016-2020	51.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	33.7%
	2020	31.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$54,639
	2016-2020	\$45,912
Adult unemployment	2016	4.2%
	2020	5.9%
Child homelessness	2016	6%
	2020	3.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	57
	2021	31.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	21.1%
	2021	39%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.1%
	2020	93.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	34.3
	2016-2020	58.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.44%
	2016-2020	8.52%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	35.1
	2020	17.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	3.8%
	2020	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	7.5
	2020	3.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	3.5
	2016-2020	11.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	20.3
	2016-2020	33.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	12.1
	2016-2020	18
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	55.8
	2016-2020	72.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	8.8
	2015-2019	13.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	100.1
	2015-2019	96.7
Uninsured children	2015	6.8%
	2019	8.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.9%
	2020	93%

^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).