

# Laclede County

County Seat: Lebanon

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,024	1,764	23.7%	20.4%	↑	15.5%	63
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,980	1,680	23%	19.3%	↑	15.1%	84
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	186	192	7.9%	8%	↓	8.7%	56
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	45	48	5.1	5.4	↓	7.1	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	39	38	4.5	4.3	↑	6.2	78
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	50	39	46	35.5	↑	18.8	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	133	53	15.1	6	↑	3.2	90
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	437	360	94.2%	93.8%	↓	91.3%	60
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
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

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> 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	35,490
	2020	35,680
Child population under 18	2016	8,785
	2020	8,900
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.8%
	2020	24.8%
Child population under 6	2016	2,816
	2020	3,004
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.9%
	2020	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2016	670
	2020	771
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.6%
	2020	8.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	248
	2020	300
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	8.8%
	2020	10%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31.9%
	2016-2020	18%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	67.8%
	2016-2020	70.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	19.1%
	2020	18.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	25.9%
	2016-2020	19.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	31.4%
	2016-2020	21%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	50.9%
	2016-2020	40%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	41.2%
	2020	36.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$44,284
	2016-2020	\$56,213
Adult unemployment	2016	5.5%
	2020	8.3%
Child homelessness	2016	2%
	2020	4.3%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	44.8
	2021	29.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	94.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	53.6
	2016-2020	35.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	10.85%
	2016-2020	9.26%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	14.3
	2020	12.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.2%
	2020	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	10.6
	2020	8

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	11.1
	2016-2020	6.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	29.5
	2016-2020	42.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	29.9
	2016-2020	32.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.4
	2016-2020	53.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	0%
	2016-2020	75%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	24.9
	2015-2019	18.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	108.4
	2015-2019	83.7
Uninsured children	2015	6.6%
	2019	7.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.2%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).