

Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

County
Composite
Rank

23

2018

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2022

Population: 32,697

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,284	1,065	17.6%	14.3%	↑	15.5%	25
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,380	1,070	17.6%	14.2%	↑	15.1%	28
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	129	157	6.9%	8.4%	↓	8.7%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	53	54	7	7.1	↓	7.1	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	44	32	5.8	4.2	↑	6.2	77
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	24	20	24.4	21.5	↑	18.8	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	59	19	7.9	2.5	↑	3.2	25
Education							
High school graduation	365	364	96.8%	96%	↓	91.3%	26
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	32,618
	2020	32,697
Child population under 18	2016	7,496
	2020	7,635
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23%
	2020	23.1%
Child population under 6	2016	2,270
	2020	2,428
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2016	748
	2020	852
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	10%
	2020	11.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	248
	2020	316
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	10.9%
	2020	13%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	37.2%
	2016-2020	18%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	62.4%
	2016-2020	67%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	22.7%
	2020	22.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	18%
	2016-2020	13.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	24.1%
	2016-2020	18.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	32.1%
	2016-2020	37%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	29.7%
	2020	25.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$66,360
	2016-2020	\$66,680
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	1.3%
	2020	1.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	93.1
	2021	77
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	57%
	2021	13.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.5%
	2020	94.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26.3
	2016-2020	98.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.73%
	2016-2020	8.44%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	32.3
	2020	21.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.6%
	2020	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	3.3
	2020	2.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	10.7
	2016-2020	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.2
	2016-2020	27.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.8
	2016-2020	8.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.1
	2016-2020	107.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	25.3
	2015-2019	4.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	112.6
	2015-2019	112.1
Uninsured children	2015	6.4%
	2019	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95%
	2020	93.9%

^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).