

# Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

County  
Composite  
Rank

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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	2,203	2,060	23.3%	21.8%	↑	15.5%	70
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,110	1,820	21.4%	18.8%	↑	15.1%	80
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	178	187	7.3%	7.3%	→	8.7%	36
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	47	40	4.9	4.1	↑	7.1	17
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	37	23	3.8	2.4	↑	6.2	31
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	40	34	31	27.9	↑	18.8	76
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	44	16	4.5	1.7	↑	3.2	9
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	438	387	94.4%	91.1%	↓	91.3%	87
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	38,381
	2020	38,241
Child population under 18	2016	9,673
	2020	9,670
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	25.2%
	2020	25.3%
Child population under 6	2016	2,948
	2020	3,140
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.7%
	2020	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,487
	2020	1,652
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	15.4%
	2020	17.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	487
	2020	544
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	16.5%
	2020	17.3%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	25.9%
	2016-2020	20.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	73.8%
	2016-2020	71.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	36.8%
	2020	31.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	27.3%
	2016-2020	19.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26.3%
	2016-2020	25.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	47.3%
	2016-2020	51.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	37.6%
	2020	32.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$46,290
	2016-2020	\$47,282
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	6.1%
Child homelessness	2016	2.4%
	2020	1.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	40.1
	2021	22.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.2%
	2020	94.9%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.7
	2016-2020	23.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.59%
	2016-2020	8.41%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	23.5
	2020	18.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.9%
	2020	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	9.1
	2020	7.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.3
	2016-2020	8.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.3
	2016-2020	24
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	10.4
	2016-2020	17.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	59.4
	2016-2020	34.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	20%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	20.4
	2015-2019	23.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	63.1
	2015-2019	58.8
Uninsured children	2015	7.9%
	2019	9.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.2%
	2020	94.8%

<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).