

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

County
Composite
Rank

48

2018

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2022

Population: 58,288

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,968	2,381	21.4%	17.6%	↑	15.5%	42
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,650	2,040	18.3%	14.6%	↑	15.1%	34
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	249	244	6.9%	7%	↓	8.7%	24
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	80	58	5.6	4.2	↑	7.1	18
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	44	43	3.1	3.1	→	6.2	50
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	65	44	34.6	24.3	↑	18.8	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	14	26	1	1.9	↓	3.2	15
Education							
High school graduation	542	514	90.5%	88%	↓	91.3%	108
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	58,694
	2020	58,288
Child population under 18	2016	14,188
	2020	13,856
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.2%
	2020	23.7%
Child population under 6	2016	4,357
	2020	4,355
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.4%
	2020	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2016	2,588
	2020	2,744
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	18.2%
	2020	19.8%
Minority child population under 6	2016	886
	2020	976
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	20.3%
	2020	22.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	23.5%
	2016-2020	15.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	76.4%
	2016-2020	77.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	32.5%
	2020	21.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	20.7%
	2016-2020	16.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26.5%
	2016-2020	22.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	40.7%
	2016-2020	39.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	34.7%
	2020	30.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$51,014
	2016-2020	\$58,667
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	5.8%
Child homelessness	2016	7.9%
	2020	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	77.3
	2021	71
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	11.4%
	2021	12.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95%
	2020	94.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	73.7
	2016-2020	70.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.09%
	2016-2020	5.85%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	44.4
	2020	23.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.5%
	2020	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	7.9
	2020	7.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.3
	2016-2020	5.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.1
	2016-2020	25.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	15.1
	2016-2020	14.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	54.5
	2016-2020	59.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	83.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	26
	2015-2019	17.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	35.8
	2015-2019	46.6
Uninsured children	2015	8.8%
	2019	7.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.5%
	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).