

Vernon County

County
Composite
Rank

89

2018

70

2022

County Seat: Nevada

Population: 20,560

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,233	978	25.7%	21.6%	↑	15.5%	69
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,180	850	22.9%	17%	↑	15.1%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	93	83	7%	6.8%	↑	8.7%	18
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	33	31	6.5	6.5	→	7.1	69
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	36	22	7.1	4.6	↑	6.2	82
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	22	22.4	27.7	↓	18.8	74
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	27	24	5.4	5.1	↑	3.2	73
Education							
High school graduation	232	179	89.2%	91.3%	↑	91.3%	84
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	20,723
	2020	20,560
Child population under 18	2016	5,005
	2020	4,750
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.2%
	2020	23.3%
Child population under 6	2016	1,559
	2020	1,504
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.5%
	2020	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2016	391
	2020	366
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.8%
	2020	7.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	141
	2020	106
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9%
	2020	7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31%
	2016-2020	20.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68.8%
	2016-2020	69.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	36.8%
	2020	27.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	28.1%
	2016-2020	20.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.2%
	2016-2020	22.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	47.7%
	2016-2020	43.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	35.9%
	2020	33.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$42,958
	2016-2020	\$58,455
Adult unemployment	2016	4.8%
	2020	4.4%
Child homelessness	2016	4.9%
	2020	4.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	61.7
	2021	49.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	6.5%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.7%
	2020	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	38
	2016-2020	51.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	10.12%
	2016-2020	7.86%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	60.2
	2020	59.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.4%
	2020	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	3.8
	2020	3.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	8.2
	2016-2020	6.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	39.9
	2016-2020	57.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33.5
	2016-2020	50.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	68.9
	2016-2020	21.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	13.8
	2015-2019	19.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	54.8
	2015-2019	61.3
Uninsured children	2015	8%
	2019	10.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95%
	2020	94.2%

^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).