

Webster County

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County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 39,127

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,564	2,652	25.2%	24.9%	↑	15.5%	87
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,170	1,860	21.7%	17.8%	↑	15.1%	72
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	146	196	5.5%	6.7%	↓	8.7%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	58	76	5.7	7	↓	7.1	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	29	18	2.9	1.7	↑	6.2	17
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	53	43	42.8	34.3	↑	18.8	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	56	52	5.4	4.8	↑	3.2	67
Education							
High school graduation	325	276	95%	91.1%	↓	91.3%	87
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	38,106
	2020	39,127
Child population under 18	2016	10,312
	2020	10,845
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	27.1%
	2020	27.2%
Child population under 6	2016	3,323
	2020	3,623
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8.7%
	2020	9.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	514
	2020	666
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5%
	2020	6.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	183
	2020	229
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	5.5%
	2020	6.3%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	21.4%
	2016-2020	17.3%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	78.4%
	2016-2020	75.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	12.4%
	2020	24.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	30.1%
	2016-2020	23.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26.5%
	2016-2020	17.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	44.7%
	2016-2020	38.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	28.6%
	2020	23.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$50,879
	2016-2020	\$65,988
Adult unemployment	2016	4.9%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	2.4%
	2020	4.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	58.6
	2021	44.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	6.6%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.1%
	2020	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	38.6
	2016-2020	36.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.83%
	2016-2020	6.21%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	33.5
	2020	34.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.2%
	2020	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	3.6
	2020	8.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	8
	2016-2020	5.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	34
	2016-2020	19.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.1
	2016-2020	15.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	71.4
	2016-2020	23
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	33.2
	2015-2019	13.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	72.2
	2015-2019	68.3
Uninsured children	2015	9.5%
	2019	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.3%

^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).