

Audrain County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

County Seat: Mexico

Population: 24,982

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,493	1,256	26.7%	23.1%	↑	16.5%	80
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,190	980	19.9%	16.6%	↑	15.4%	51
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	144	161	8.5%	10.6%	↓	8.8%	104
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	45	28	7.5	4.9	↑	5.0	74
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	39	20	6.5	3.5	↑	3.6	94
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	17	26.9	24.0	↑	17.0	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	35	29	6.0	5.1	↑	3.0	73
Education							
High school graduation	185	193	86.9%	88.1%	↑	90.8%	103
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	75	—	40.8		41.4%	57
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	88	—	34.5		44.9%	98
4th grade math (MAP)	—	67	—	36.2		36.8%	61
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	30	—	15.7		26.8%	103

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	25,641
	2020	24,982
Child population under 18	2017	5,852
	2021	5,681
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.8%
	2021	22.7%
Child population under 6	2017	1,935
	2021	1,792
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%
	2021	7.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	975
	2021	1,115
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	16.7%
	2021	19.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	331
	2021	339
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	17.1%
	2021	18.9%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	31.5%
	2017-2021	22.2%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	65.0%
	2017-2021	70.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.5%
	2021	12.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	26.1%
	2017-2021	22.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.9%
	2017-2021	21.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	41.7%
	2017-2021	51.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	33.8%
	2021	29.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$54,206
	2017-2021	\$51,406
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%
	2021	3.7%
Child homelessness	2017	5.8%
	2021	1.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	61.5
	2022	30.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	15.0%
	2022	28.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.2
	2021	92.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	48.3
	2017-2021	48.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.9%
	2017-2021	12.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	30.8
	2021	25.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.6%
	2021	4.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	9.7
	2021	7.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.3
	2017-2021	10.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	23.3
	2017-2021	33.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	12.3
	2017-2021	23.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	70.4
	2017-2021	72.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	50.0%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	8.9**
	2016-2020	13.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	96.7
	2016-2020	141.8
Uninsured children	2016	6.4%
	2020	11.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.1%
	2021	91.1%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).