

Laclede County

County Seat: Lebanon

County
Composite
Rank

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Population: 36,133

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,009	1,908	23.6%	21.7%	↑	16.5%	70
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,830	1,500	21.2%	17.2%	↑	15.4%	56
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	200	171	8.4%	7.2%	↑	8.8%	32
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	51	39	5.8	4.3	↑	5.0	54
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	31	29	3.5	3.2	↑	3.6	86
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	47	40	43.5	34.1	↑	17.0	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	76	35	8.7	3.9	↑	3.0	50
Education							
High school graduation	395	357	95.9%	93.5%	↓	90.8%	57
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	122	—	31.8		41.4%	105
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	135	—	30.0		44.9%	110
4th grade math (MAP)	—	119	—	30.8		36.8%	93
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	40	—	10.8		26.8%	107

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	35,443
	2020	36,133
Child population under 18	2017	8,775
	2021	9,057
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.8%
	2021	25.1%
Child population under 6	2017	2,886
	2021	2,890
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.1%
	2021	8.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	669
	2021	1,058
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.6%
	2021	11.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	252
	2021	375
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	8.7%
	2021	13.0%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.5%
	2017-2021	22.9%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	72.0%
	2017-2021	65.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.7%
	2021	27.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	22.0%
	2017-2021	20.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	26.6%
	2017-2021	22.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	46.6%
	2017-2021	42.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	39.8%
	2021	33.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$49,091
	2017-2021	\$57,771
Adult unemployment	2017	4.9%
	2021	4.3%
Child homelessness	2017	2.3%
	2021	3.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	48.2
	2022	30.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8
	2021	93.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	35.3
	2017-2021	25.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	15.2%
	2017-2021	15.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	19.3
	2021	17.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.7%
	2021	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	6.8
	2021	7.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	10.5
	2017-2021	5.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	32.5
	2017-2021	39.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.6
	2017-2021	40.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.9
	2017-2021	36.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	50.0%
	2017-2021	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	22.9*
	2016-2020	27.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	83.7
	2016-2020	118.2
Uninsured children	2016	5.8%
	2020	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.2%
	2021	91.5%

^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).