

Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

County
Composite
Rank

87

2019

48

2023

Population: 38,321

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,386	1,914	25.2%	20.0%	↑	16.5%	51
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,940	1,910	19.9%	19.7%	↑	15.4%	84
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	176	183	7.1%	7.3%	↓	8.8%	36
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	56	20	5.8	2.0	↑	5.0	12
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	32	25	3.3	2.5	↑	3.6	73
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	59	32	46.1	26.1	↑	17.0	76
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	18	8	1.9	0.8	↑	3.0	1
Education							
High school graduation	372	360	89.4%	90.5%	↑	90.8%	84
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	163	—	42.8		41.4%	49
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	170	—	39.7		44.9%	78
4th grade math (MAP)	—	144	—	37.8		36.8%	58
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	136	—	32.3		26.8%	50

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	38,434
	2020	38,321
Child population under 18	2017	9,710
	2021	9,821
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	25.3%
	2021	25.6%
Child population under 6	2017	3,008
	2021	3,097
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.8%
	2021	8.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	1,542
	2021	1,914
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	15.9%
	2021	19.5%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	511
	2021	598
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	17.0%
	2021	19.3%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.8%
	2017-2021	20.1%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	72.3%
	2017-2021	70.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	21.0%
	2021	23.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	23.3%
	2017-2021	18.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	22.9%
	2017-2021	25.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	47.3%
	2017-2021	48.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	35.8%
	2021	29.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$46,800
	2017-2021	\$55,637
Adult unemployment	2017	3.6%
	2021	4.0%
Child homelessness	2017	3.8%
	2021	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	44.1
	2022	16.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.9
	2021	94.3

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.8
	2017-2021	38.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	10.5%
	2017-2021	13.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	25.1
	2021	32.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.3%
	2021	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.4
	2021	7.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.0
	2017-2021	7.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	16.4
	2017-2021	29.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	10.1
	2017-2021	23.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.5
	2017-2021	57.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	25.0%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	16.8*
	2016-2020	31.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	58.8
	2016-2020	82.2
Uninsured children	2016	5.9%
	2020	9.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
	2021	93.2%

^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).