

Linn County

County Seat: Linneus

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	623	598	21.9%	21.6%	↑	16.5%	68
Food insecurity for children ^b	670	540	22.8%	18.7%	↑	15.4%	79
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	58	35	8.1%	5.2%	↑	8.8%	4
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	17	13	5.9	4.6	↑	5.0	61
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	20	9	6.9	3.2	↑	3.6	85
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	6	29.3	14.9	↑	17.0	35
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	4	12	1.4	4.2	↓	3.0	61
Education							
High school graduation	163	141	93.1%	90.4%	↓	90.8%	85
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	56	—	49.1		41.4%	26
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	110	—	62.5		44.9%	1
4th grade math (MAP)	—	65	—	57.0		36.8%	6
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	89	—	50.9		26.8%	4

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	12,194
	2020	11,843
Child population under 18	2017	2,923
	2021	2,830
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.0%
	2021	23.9%
Child population under 6	2017	890
	2021	844
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.3%
	2021	7.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	184
	2021	230
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.3%
	2021	8.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	60
	2021	75
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	6.7%
	2021	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	35.3%
	2017-2021	17.6%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	63.6%
	2017-2021	65.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	25.3%
	2021	22.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	20.6%
	2017-2021	20.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	19.7%
	2017-2021	16.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	46.8%
	2017-2021	43.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	29.9%
	2021	26.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$47,344
	2017-2021	\$51,975
Adult unemployment	2017	5.9%
	2021	5.4%
Child homelessness	2017	1.0%
	2021	0.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	37.6
	2022	14.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	33.3%
	2022	100.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	96.3
	2021	95.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	49.2
	2017-2021	100.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	15.2%
	2017-2021	14.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	10.0
	2021	2.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.0%
	2021	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	13.0
	2021	12.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.2
	2017-2021	4.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	34.1
	2017-2021	59.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.6
	2017-2021	37.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	36.4
	2017-2021	147.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	12.3**
	2016-2020	13.5**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	121.6
	2016-2020	153.1
Uninsured children	2016	6.5%
	2020	9.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.3%
	2021	93.5%

^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).