

Newton County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Neosho

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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	2,594	2,963	19.0%	21.5%	↓	16.5%	67
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,480	2,170	17.5%	15.5%	↑	15.4%	38
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	233	253	6.5%	7.3%	↓	8.8%	35
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	70	50	4.9	3.5	↑	5.0	29
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	36	24	2.5	1.7	↑	3.6	38
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	64	50	34.3	26.5	↑	17.0	80
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	6	26	0.4	1.8	↓	3.0	15
Education							
High school graduation	599	527	89.5%	89.6%	↑	90.8%	92
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	241	—	38.8		41.4%	71
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	315	—	48.7		44.9%	28
4th grade math (MAP)	—	199	—	32.0		36.8%	86
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	260	—	40.3		26.8%	22

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			Education		
Total population	2017	58,290	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	83.5
	2020	59,386		2022	85.9
Child population under 18	2017	13,972	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	12.1%
	2021	14,127		2022	10.3%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.1
	2021	23.8%		2021	93.9
Child population under 6	2017	4,351	Family & Community		
	2021	4,349	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	72.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%		2017-2021	30.7
	2021	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	10.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	2,614		2017-2021	8.5%
	2021	3,213	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	45.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	18.7%		2021	22.3
	2021	22.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	913		2021	2.0%
	2021	1,113	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	6.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	21.0%		2021	10.8
	2021	25.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	24.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.9
	2017-2021	15.2%		2017-2021	5.2
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	75.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.7
	2017-2021	77.6%		2017-2021	25.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.2
Children in poverty under 6	2017	26.1%		2017-2021	20.1
	2021	26.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	69.9
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	17.1%		2017-2021	47.7
	2017-2021	18.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	22.4%		2017-2021	66.7%
	2017-2021	22.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	23.8*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	41.0%		2016-2020	28.3
	2017-2021	40.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	46.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	35.5%		2016-2020	88.5
	2021	29.7%	Uninsured children	2016	6.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$53,662		2020	9.1%
	2017-2021	\$61,145	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.6%		2021	92.4%
	2021	3.8%			
Child homelessness	2017	6.8%			
	2021	1.5%			

^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).