

Vernon County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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County Seat: Nevada

Population: 19,595

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,159	1,173	24.7%	26.5%	↓	16.5%	91
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,060	860	20.8%	17.3%	↑	15.4%	58
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	92	82	7.0%	6.6%	↑	8.8%	21
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	26	22	5.2	4.8	↑	5.0	66
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	28	11	5.6	2.4	↑	3.6	61
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	28	27.1	36.3	↓	17.0	99
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	12	14	2.4	3.0	↓	3.0	36
Education							
High school graduation	201	191	89.3%	92.7%	↑	90.8%	63
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	64	—	32.8		41.4%	102
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	100	—	41.5		44.9%	64
4th grade math (MAP)	—	47	—	24.1		36.8%	109
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	65	—	27.0		26.8%	73

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	20,437
	2020	19,595
Child population under 18	2017	4,922
	2021	4,628
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.1%
	2021	23.6%
Child population under 6	2017	1,553
	2021	1,458
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.6%
	2021	7.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	357
	2021	468
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.3%
	2021	10.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	109
	2021	154
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.0%
	2021	10.6%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	27.7%
	2017-2021	17.9%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	71.1%
	2017-2021	69.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	21.0%
	2021	23.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	23.2%
	2017-2021	25.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.1%
	2017-2021	21.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	44.2%
	2017-2021	44.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	35.6%
	2021	32.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$51,047
	2017-2021	\$58,574
Adult unemployment	2017	3.9%
	2021	3.4%
Child homelessness	2017	4.7%
	2021	2.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	70.9
	2022	13.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.5
	2021	94.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.2
	2017-2021	14.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.5%
	2017-2021	12.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	98.7
	2021	70.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.9%
	2021	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.1
	2021	4.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	9.1
	2017-2021	5.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	39.2
	2017-2021	45.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	43.0
	2017-2021	51.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.7
	2017-2021	23.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	6.9**
	2016-2020	28.2*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	61.3
	2016-2020	116.6
Uninsured children	2016	6.9%
	2020	7.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.9%
	2021	93.1%

^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).