Audrain County

County Seat: Mexico

County Composite Rank: **98** 2020 · **93** 2024

Population: 24,434

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,430	1,389	25.6%	25.9%	↓	16.8%	97
Food insecurity for children [b]	1,160	920	19.3%	15.8%	↑	12.8%	81
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	153	132	9.0%	9.0%	→	8.9%	89
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	31	46	5.3	8.3	↓	6.3	106
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	37	7	6.3	1.3	↑	5.1	18
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	18	22.0	27.3	↓	16.8	83
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	49	25	8.4	4.5	↑	2.7	72
Education							
High school graduation	201	240	87.0%	89.6%	↑	91.2%	96
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	109	69	42.9	31.2		41.0%	99
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	136	80	53.1	31.4		41.9%	99
4th grade math (MAP)	107	87	42.1	43.9		43.0%	48
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	94	42	37.8	23.2		41.2%	103

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

[a] Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

[b] Data based on 2017 and 2021.

[c] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

[d] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	25,735
	2021	24,434
Child population under 18	2018	5,827
	2022	5,568
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.3%
	2022	22.8%
Child population under 6	2018	1,932
	2022	1,775
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.6%
	2022	7.3%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	959
	2022	1,076
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	16.5%
	2022	19.3%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	323
	2022	296
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	16.7%
	2022	16.7%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.5%
	2018-2022	23.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	65.0%
	2018-2022	69.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	21.3%
	2022	16.9%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	23.9%
	2022	24.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.9%
	2018-2022	21.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	41.7%
	2018-2022	50.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	33.6%
	2022	29.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$54,206
	2018-2022	$$52,287
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	3.0%
Child homelessness	2018	8.0%
	2022	1.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	56.1
	2023	52.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	15.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.9
	2022	90.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	24.9
	2018-2022	57.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.5%
	2018-2022	13.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	30.8
	2022	34.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.4%
	2022	2.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.6
	2022	6.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.6
	2018-2022	10.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.6
	2018-2022	26.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	12.3
	2018-2022	19.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.7
	2018-2022	56.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	0.0%
	2018-2022	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	12.2**
	2017-2021	13.8**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	105.0
	2017-2021	157.7
Uninsured children	2017	5.5%
	2021	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.0%
	2022	90.7%

[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 occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).