

Laclede County

County Seat: Lebanon

County
Composite
Rank

67

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2024

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,898	1,754	22.2%	20.1%	↑	16.8%	61
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,750	1,270	20.1%	14.2%	↑	12.8%	66
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	205	180	8.4%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	44
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	54	46	6.2	5.1	↑	6.3	52
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	31	30	3.5	3.3	↑	5.1	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	46	37	42.4	32.1	↑	16.8	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	59	49	6.7	5.4	↑	2.7	83
Education							
High school graduation	402	381	93.1%	94.5%	↑	91.2%	47
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	207	127	48.3	33.5		41.0%	92
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	205	168	47.7	38.0		41.9%	66
4th grade math (MAP)	197	167	44.2	42.9		43.0%	54
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	173	148	38.8	34.3		41.2%	75

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			Education		
Total population	2018	35,507	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	45.7
	2021	36,313		2023	39.3
Child population under 18	2018	8,827	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	9,007		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.8
	2022	24.8%		2022	94.6
Child population under 6	2018	2,936	Family & Community		
	2022	2,899	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.2%		2018-2022	55.3
	2022	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	682		2018-2022	16.2%
	2022	1,089	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	21.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.7%		2022	21.7
	2022	12.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	248		2022	1.2%
	2022	401	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.4%		2022	3.1
	2022	13.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	26.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.5
	2018-2022	23.5%		2018-2022	7.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	34.5
	2018-2022	65.9%		2018-2022	46.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	22.8%		2018-2022	40.7
	2022	19.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	27.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.9%		2018-2022	71.9
	2022	19.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	26.6%		2018-2022	75.0%
	2018-2022	24.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	21.3*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	46.6%		2017-2021	27.9*
	2018-2022	42.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	107.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	37.9%		2017-2021	120.9
	2022	33.7%	Uninsured children	2017	5.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$49,091		2021	6.2%
	2018-2022	\$\$62,697	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.7%		2022	94.0%
	2022	2.5%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	2.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	3.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		