Lawrence County
County Seat: Mount Vernon

County Composite Rank: **87** 2020   **47** 2024

Population: 38,683

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,213	1,697	23.5%	17.7%	↑	16.8%	38
Food insecurity for children [b]	1,880	1,480	19.4%	15.1%	↑	12.8%	74
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	183	182	7.3%	7.3%	↑	8.9%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	51	30	5.3	3.0	↑	6.3	13
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	30	18	3.1	1.8	↑	5.1	35
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	29	33.4	23.4	↑	16.8	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	33	14	3.4	1.4	↑	2.7	13
Education							
High school graduation	391	412	91.6%	89.6%	↓	91.2%	96
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	192	148	42.5	37.3		41.0%	69
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	227	183	48.2	39.5		41.9%	58
4th grade math (MAP)	189	164	41.4	40.9		43.0%	68
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	173	103	38.7	24.3		41.2%	102

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.

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	38,133
	2021	38,683
Child population under 18	2018	9,667
	2022	9,854
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.4%
	2022	25.5%
Child population under 6	2018	3,093
	2022	3,136
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.1%
	2022	8.1%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	1,589
	2022	1,966
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	16.4%
	2022	20.0%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	513
	2022	630
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	16.6%
	2022	20.1%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	26.8%
	2018-2022	16.1%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.3%
	2018-2022	73.8%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	28.9%
	2022	16.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	22.4%
	2022	16.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.9%
	2018-2022	24.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	47.3%
	2018-2022	44.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	35.0%
	2022	28.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$46,800
	2018-2022	$$64,870
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%
	2022	2.4%
Child homelessness	2018	3.3%
	2022	2.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	34.0
	2023	23.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	93.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	28.9
	2018-2022	59.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.9%
	2018-2022	11.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	22.3
	2022	40.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
	2022	1.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.4
	2022	4.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.4
	2018-2022	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.5
	2018-2022	36.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.2
	2018-2022	21.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	32.9
	2018-2022	101.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	25.0%
	2018-2022	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	18.7*
	2017-2021	27.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	76.8
	2017-2021	83.2
Uninsured children	2017	6.5%
	2021	7.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.6%
	2022	92.3%

[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).