

Newton County

County
Composite
Rank

45 ²⁰²⁰

74 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Neosho

Population: 60,011

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,029	2,701	22.5%	19.6%	↑	16.8%	53
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,310	1,760	16.4%	12.5%	↑	12.8%	46
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	251	267	7.1%	7.7%	↓	8.9%	39
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	74	85	5.3	6.0	↓	6.3	72
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	33	46	2.4	3.3	↓	5.1	60
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	71	63	38.2	33.1	↑	16.8	100
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	17	17	1.2	1.2	↑	2.7	8
Education							
High school graduation	498	545	87.5%	92.5%	↑	91.2%	71
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	247	220	41.0	39.7		41.0%	56
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	246	259	39.4	36.4		41.9%	76
4th grade math (MAP)	225	287	33.9	43.8		43.0%	49
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	244	240	48.0	38.0		41.2%	54

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	58,202
	2021	60,011
Child population under 18	2018	13,796
	2022	14,131
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.2%
	2022	23.6%
Child population under 6	2018	4,265
	2022	4,303
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%
	2022	7.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	2,665
	2022	3,438
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	19.3%
	2022	24.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	917
	2022	1,161
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	21.5%
	2022	27.0%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	24.0%
	2018-2022	14.2%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	75.6%
	2018-2022	77.2%
Economic Well-being		
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	27.2%
	2022	25.4%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	21.6%
	2022	19.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.4%
	2018-2022	21.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	41.0%
	2018-2022	39.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	34.2%
	2022	30.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$53,662
	2018-2022	\$\$66,207
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%
	2022	2.4%
Child homelessness	2018	5.6%
	2022	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	75.1
	2023	95.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	12.1%
	2023	9.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.8
	2022	92.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	90.0
	2018-2022	36.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.6%
	2018-2022	9.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	42.5
	2022	38.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.8%
	2022	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.4
	2022	9.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.5
	2018-2022	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	28.3
	2018-2022	23.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.6
	2018-2022	20.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	85.7
	2018-2022	38.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	75.0%
	2018-2022	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	20.3*
	2017-2021	31.0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	41.5
	2017-2021	100.3
Uninsured children	2017	7.7%
	2021	6.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
	2022	92.2%

^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).