

Vernon County

County
Composite
Rank

76 2020

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County Seat: Nevada

Population: 19,651

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,109	1,027	24.0%	22.9%	↑	16.8%	78
Food insecurity for children ^b	930	660	18.7%	13.6%	↑	12.8%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	82	80	6.4%	6.5%	↓	8.9%	17
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	40	25	8.1	5.4	↑	6.3	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	30	17	6.1	3.7	↑	5.1	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	15	22.9	20.4	↑	16.8	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	22	29	4.5	6.3	↓	2.7	90
Education							
High school graduation	204	211	92.7%	93.0%	↑	91.2%	63
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	70	58	34.5	28.9		41.0%	107
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	107	82	43.9	33.5		41.9%	90
4th grade math (MAP)	78	40	32.2	19.2		43.0%	114
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	28	77	16.2	36.5		41.2%	65

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	20,691
	2021	19,651
Child population under 18	2018	4,841
	2022	4,630
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.8%
	2022	23.6%
Child population under 6	2018	1,492
	2022	1,479
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%
	2022	7.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	363
	2022	467
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.5%
	2022	10.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	108
	2022	159
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	7.2%
	2022	10.8%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.7%
	2018-2022	15.4%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	71.1%
	2018-2022	73.6%

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	22.6%
	2022	21.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.1%
	2018-2022	20.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	44.2%
	2018-2022	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	35.9%
	2022	32.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$51,047
	2018-2022	\$\$61,111
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.5%
Child homelessness	2018	4.7%
	2022	2.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	65.5
	2023	25.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
	2022	93.6

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	38.9
	2018-2022	69.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.1%
	2018-2022	11.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	60.7
	2022	77.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
	2022	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	2.9
	2022	6.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.0
	2018-2022	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	56.5
	2018-2022	41.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	64.5
	2018-2022	39.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	21.5
	2018-2022	47.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	0.0%
	2018-2022	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	7.0**
	2017-2021	40.5*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	50.4
	2017-2021	120.7
Uninsured children	2017	6.7%
	2021	9.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
	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).