

Webster County

County
Composite
Rank

66 ²⁰²⁰

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County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 40,335

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,597	2,569	24.7%	23.5%	↑	16.8%	84
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,990	1,220	19.5%	11.5%	↑	12.8%	37
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	159	225	5.7%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	34
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	44	60	4.2	5.4	↓	6.3	61
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	18	16	1.7	1.4	↑	5.1	26
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	48	36	37.9	27.0	↑	16.8	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	49	39	4.6	3.5	↑	2.7	53
Education							
High school graduation	299	273	90.1%	91.9%	↑	91.2%	78
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	138	136	40.6	42.5		41.0%	44
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	163	49.4	44.2		41.9%	32
4th grade math (MAP)	139	129	38.6	37.5		43.0%	88
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	179	127	53.0	34.5		41.2%	74

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	38,082
	2021	40,335
Child population under 18	2018	10,663
	2022	11,147
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	27.2%
	2022	27.6%
Child population under 6	2018	3,493
	2022	3,570
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.9%
	2022	8.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	555
	2022	854
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.2%
	2022	7.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	187
	2022	254
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	5.4%
	2022	7.1%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	21.3%
	2018-2022	16.0%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	78.0%
	2018-2022	77.0%
Economic Well-being		
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	17.2%
	2022	16.2%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	23.6%
	2022	22.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.6%
	2018-2022	18.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	43.2%
	2018-2022	35.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	25.2%
	2022	19.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$54,375
	2018-2022	\$\$82,658
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.2%
Child homelessness	2018	4.2%
	2022	1.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	56.5
	2023	45.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	6.6%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.8
	2022	93.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	29.7
	2018-2022	42.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.4%
	2018-2022	9.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	40.2
	2022	25.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.3%
	2022	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.5
	2022	3.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.2
	2018-2022	4.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	29.3
	2018-2022	20.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.6
	2018-2022	18.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.1
	2018-2022	31.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
	2018-2022	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	41.8
	2017-2021	8.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	77.8
	2017-2021	88.8
Uninsured children	2017	7.7%
	2021	8.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.3%
	2022	93.2%

^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).