

Audrain County

County Seat: Mexico

Population: 24,394

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,306	1,027	23.9%	19.1%	↑	14.7%	63
Food insecurity for children ^a	940	1,300	15.8%	23.1%	↓	18.7%	101
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	126	134	9.3%	9.3%	↑	8.9%	93
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	37	60	6.5	10.8	↓	7.1	111
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	28	15	4.9	2.7	↑	5.5	53
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	26	20.9	40.4	↓	15.9	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	21	32	3.7	5.7	↓	2.9	85
Education							
High school graduation	262	223	92.3%	94.9%	↑	91.3%	55
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	103	67	43.5%	27.7%	↓	42.2%	109
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	96	78	40.9%	32.2%	↓	42.3%	95
4th grade math (MAP)	100	77	40.5%	35.5%	↓	43.7%	90
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	96	105	36.1%	36.1%	↓	40.1%	65

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	25,388	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	56.1
	2022	24,394		2024	44.0
Child population under 18	2019	5,722	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	27.7%
	2023	5,571		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.8
	2023	22.8%		2023	91.6
Child population under 6	2019	1,882	Family & Community		
	2023	1,737	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	51.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.4%		2019-2023	37.9
	2023	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	962		2019-2023	12.8%
	2023	1,080	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	24.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	16.8%		2023	40.4
	2023	19.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	311		2023	1.7%
	2023	323	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	5.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	16.5%		2023	2.3
	2023	18.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	31.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	7.6
	2019-2023	18.7%		2019-2023	9.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	63.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	23.4
	2019-2023	74.4%		2019-2023	18.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	17.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	19.4%		2019-2023	9.5
	2023	33.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	22.9%		2019-2023	55.2
	2023	18.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	22.5%		2019-2023	0.0%
	2019-2023	21.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	8.2**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	41.6%		2018-2022	13.8**
	2019-2023	47.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	89.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	31.6%		2018-2022	15.8
	2023	28.7%	Uninsured children	2018	7.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$56,028		2022	11.3%
	2019-2023	\$61,016	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.4%		2023	91.5%
	2023	3.3%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.5%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	4.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		