Laclede County

County Seat: Lebanon

Population: 36,680

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,744	1,766	20.4%	20.0%	⬆	14.7%	68
Food insecurity for children [a]	1,450	1,790	16.7%	20.1%	⬇	18.7%	74
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	161	180	8.2%	7.7%	⬆	8.9%	50
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	60	43	6.8	4.7	⬆	7.1	24
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	47	30	5.3	3.3	⬆	5.5	66
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	46	38.3	40.1	⬇	15.9	108
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	44	38	5.0	4.2	⬆	2.9	68
Education							
High school graduation	377	389	90.4%	93.6%	⬆	91.3%	70
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	194	131	49.6%	31.1%	⬇	42.2%	104
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	160	147	34.3%	34.8%	⬆	42.3%	85
4th grade math (MAP)	186	168	44.0%	43.4%	⬇	43.7%	58
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	181	164	41.2%	34.5%	⬇	40.1%	71

[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

Total population	2019	35,723
	2022	36,680
Child population under 18	2019	8,831
	2023	9,106
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	24.7%
	2023	24.8%
Child population under 6	2019	2,963
	2023	2,893
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.3%
	2023	7.9%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	679
	2023	1,138
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	7.7%
	2023	12.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	246
	2023	426
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	8.3%
	2023	14.7%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	23.9%
	2019-2023	28.3%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	74.4%
	2019-2023	61.1%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	25.7%
	2023	29.1%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	19.0%
	2023	17.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.8%
	2019-2023	24.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	43.9%
	2019-2023	42.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	35.8%
	2023	35.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$58,033
	2019-2023	$63,611
Adult unemployment	2019	6.9%
	2023	3.2%
Child homelessness	2019	3.8%
	2023	3.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	45.7
	2024	35.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.7
	2023	94.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	27.4
	2019-2023	40.2
Single parent head-of-house-hold with children under 18	2013-2018	7.6%
	2019-2023	17.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	13.6
	2023	30.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.5%
	2023	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	6.2
	2023	5.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	8.6
	2019-2023	6.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	36.8
	2019-2023	34.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	30.8
	2019-2023	28.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	41.3
	2019-2023	60.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	66.7%
	2019-2023	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	16.9*
	2018-2022	27.5*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	91.5
	2018-2022	11.7
Uninsured children	2018	7.2%
	2022	5.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.3%
	2023	94.1%

[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).