

Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

Population: 33,196

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,064	1,022	14.6%	13.8%	↑	14.7%	27
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,140	1,100	15.1%	14.5%	↑	18.7%	18
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	113	181	7.8%	9.8%	↓	8.9%	101
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	51	53	6.8	7.0	↓	7.1	80
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	38	34	5.0	4.5	↑	5.5	85
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	25	31.0	24.1	↑	15.9	76
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	22	23	2.9	3.0	↓	2.9	46
Education							
High school graduation	325	367	96.7%	91.8%	↓	91.3%	87
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	163	135	43.6%	39.9%	↓	42.2%	69
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	177	145	45.5%	39.4%	↓	42.3%	60
4th grade math (MAP)	142	121	38.7%	34.9%	↓	43.7%	93
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	161	177	44.1%	38.1%	↓	40.1%	56

^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	32,708	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	71.2
	2022	33,196		2024	78.9
Child population under 18	2019	7,531	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	15.0%
	2023	7,589		2024	13.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.2
	2023	22.9%		2023	92.9
Child population under 6	2019	2,341	Family & Community		
	2023	2,309	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	27.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.2%		2019-2023	93.1
	2023	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	784		2019-2023	10.1%
	2023	1,031	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	31.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	10.4%		2023	45.7
	2023	13.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	269		2023	1.6%
	2023	344	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	3.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	11.5%		2023	1.6
	2023	14.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	36.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	8.7
	2019-2023	15.6%		2019-2023	7.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	61.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	29.1
	2019-2023	72.2%		2019-2023	24.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	9.9%		2019-2023	7.0
	2023	27.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	41.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	12.8%		2019-2023	94.3
	2023	12.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.0%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	16.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	15.2*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	35.3%		2018-2022	15.2*
	2019-2023	29.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	107.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	26.5%		2018-2022	13.8
	2023	22.0%	Uninsured children	2018	6.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$64,558		2022	7.6%
	2019-2023	\$97,145	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.7%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.1%		2023	92.7%
	2023	2.9%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	2.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		