

Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

Population: 38,872

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,147	1,949	22.7%	20.1%	↑	14.7%	69
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,790	1,720	18.5%	17.9%	↑	18.7%	52
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	155	181	7.6%	7.3%	↑	8.9%	33
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	54	40	5.6	4.0	↑	7.1	15
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	19	25	2.0	2.5	↓	5.5	49
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	33	40	25.9	31.0	↓	15.9	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	23	11	2.4	1.1	↑	2.9	11
Education							
High school graduation	388	369	90.9%	90.8%	↓	91.3%	93
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	168	153	42.9%	39.7%	↓	42.2%	70
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	186	171	44.3%	35.8%	↓	42.3%	81
4th grade math (MAP)	203	177	44.0%	44.0%	↓	43.7%	52
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	150	166	43.5%	32.2%	↓	40.1%	81

^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	38,355	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	34.0
	2022	38,872		2024	14.1
Child population under 18	2019	9,702	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	9,952		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	25.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.3
	2023	25.6%		2023	94.0
Child population under 6	2019	3,098	Family & Community		
	2023	3,124	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.1%		2019-2023	80.3
	2023	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	1,654		2019-2023	11.4%
	2023	1,950	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	26.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	17.0%		2023	25.9
	2023	19.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	534		2023	1.3%
	2023	596	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	6.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	17.2%		2023	3.3
	2023	19.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	28.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	9.5
	2019-2023	14.6%		2019-2023	3.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	70.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	20.7
	2019-2023	73.4%		2019-2023	33.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	15.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	28.0%		2019-2023	21.0
	2023	32.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	33.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	20.3%		2019-2023	87.6
	2023	18.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	25.3%		2019-2023	33.3%
	2019-2023	24.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	18.3*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	48.5%		2018-2022	27.0*
	2019-2023	45.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	69.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	33.4%		2018-2022	8.1
	2023	28.3%	Uninsured children	2018	8.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$46,059		2022	7.1%
	2019-2023	\$66,365	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	95.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.5%		2023	93.7%
	2023	3.1%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	3.0%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		