

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,363	2,353	17.7%	16.6%	↑	14.7%	44
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,020	2,460	14.3%	17.6%	↓	18.7%	48
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	205	278	7.3%	8.0%	↓	8.9%	57
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	61	70	4.4	4.8	↓	7.1	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	47	43	3.4	3.0	↑	5.5	59
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	54	44	30.1	22.4	↑	15.9	71
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	25	21	1.8	1.4	↑	2.9	18
Education							
High school graduation	500	539	85.5%	93.6%	↑	91.3%	69
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	273	242	46.3%	41.2%	↓	42.2%	64
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	241	253	39.1%	38.8%	↓	42.3%	62
4th grade math (MAP)	260	235	41.2%	40.2%	↓	43.7%	73
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	238	206	44.7%	30.6%	↓	40.1%	90

^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	58,236	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	75.1
	2022	60,677		2024	64.1
Child population under 18	2019	13,738	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	12.7%
	2023	14,484		2024	13.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.7
	2023	23.9%		2023	93.4
Child population under 6	2019	4,288	Family & Community		
	2023	4,428	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	69.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.4%		2019-2023	39.3
	2023	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	2,635		2019-2023	9.5%
	2023	3,647	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	56.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	19.2%		2023	34.1
	2023	25.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	893		2023	1.6%
	2023	1,221	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	8.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	20.8%		2023	9.3
	2023	27.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	24.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	5.9
	2019-2023	16.1%		2019-2023	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	75.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	28.4
	2019-2023	75.1%		2019-2023	18.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	14.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	19.6%		2019-2023	18.0
	2023	16.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	78.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	17.2%		2019-2023	22.5
	2023	15.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	85.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.6%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	20.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	13.7*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	42.3%		2018-2022	30.3
	2019-2023	36.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	43.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	32.0%		2018-2022	9.3
	2023	30.5%	Uninsured children	2018	9.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$53,688		2022	6.3%
	2019-2023	\$73,648	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.2%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.3%		2023	92.7%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	6.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		