

Webster County

County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 41,472

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,820	2,225	27.0%	19.7%	↑	14.7%	67
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,680	1,850	16.2%	17.3%	↓	18.7%	43
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	138	223	6.0%	7.4%	↓	8.9%	38
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	48	83	4.5	7.2	↓	7.1	85
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	15	11	1.4	1.0	↑	5.5	10
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	40	28	31.2	19.7	↑	15.9	59
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	38	28	3.6	2.4	↑	2.9	33
Education							
High school graduation	327	295	91.3%	89.5%	↓	91.3%	98
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	127	132	40.2%	36.8%	↓	42.2%	83
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	149	133	43.7%	37.4%	↓	42.3%	72
4th grade math (MAP)	145	170	41.4%	49.3%	↑	43.7%	27
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	119	162	37.2%	40.5%	↑	40.1%	45

^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	39,592	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	56.5
	2022	41,472		2024	39.1
Child population under 18	2019	10,630	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	11,489		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	26.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.0
	2023	27.7%		2023	93.3
Child population under 6	2019	3,527	Family & Community		
	2023	3,681	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.9%		2019-2023	54.1
	2023	8.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	6.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	579		2019-2023	8.8%
	2023	967	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	41.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	5.4%		2023	24.2
	2023	8.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	191		2023	1.1%
	2023	318	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	5.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	5.4%		2023	2.9
	2023	8.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	21.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.3
	2019-2023	13.5%		2019-2023	6.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	77.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	17.4
	2019-2023	78.5%		2019-2023	25.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	22.7%		2019-2023	20.3
	2023	30.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	26.1%		2019-2023	49.2
	2023	19.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.6%		2019-2023	33.3%
	2019-2023	19.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	27.0*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	42.4%		2018-2022	8.5*
	2019-2023	32.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	71.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	23.8%		2018-2022	8.6
	2023	20.2%	Uninsured children	2018	8.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$60,250		2022	8.7%
	2019-2023	\$86,366	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.6%		2023	93.2%
	2023	2.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	4.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.0%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		