

# Audrain County

County Seat: Mexico

Population: 24,304

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,492	1,025	27.4%	19.4%	↑	15.3%	66
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	970	1,310	16.3%	23.3%	↓	18.1%	97
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	156	137	9.9%	9.5%	↑	8.9%	95
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	32	21	5.6	3.8	↑	5.4	77
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	17	18.0	26.6	↓	15.9	83
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	23	25	4.1	4.6	↓	2.9	80
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	215	234	91.9%	93.6%	↑	92.1%	63
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	140	70	50.0%	29.2%	↓	41.6%	108
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	124	57	56.6%	25.2%	↓	42.1%	106
4th grade math (MAP)	126	53	50.4%	22.3%	↓	44.5%	112
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	184	89	68.7%	35.3%	↓	41.5%	65

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	25,336	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	31.2
	2023	24,304		2025	58.7
Child population under 18	2020	5,676	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	39.0%
	2024	5,456		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	22.5%		2024	93.5
Child population under 6	2020	1,848	Family & Community		
	2024	1,665	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	58.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.4%		2020-2024	38.3
	2024	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.5%
Minority child population under 18	2020	973		2020-2024	12.9%
	2024	1,035	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	17.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	17.1%		2024	44.6
	2024	19.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.5%
Minority child population under 6	2020	310		2024	0.9%
	2024	264	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	16.8%		2024	5.9
	2024	15.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	24.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	11.4
	2020-2024	15.8%		2020-2024	9.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	67.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	33.5
	2020-2024	67.1%		2020-2024	15.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	18.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	26.2%		2020-2024	9.7
	2024	9.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	72.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	28.0%		2020-2024	37.1
	2024	17.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.6%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	20.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	13.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	51.6%		2019-2023	3.5**
	2020-2024	40.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	96.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	31.5%		2019-2023	162.0
	2024	28.7%	Uninsured children	2019	8.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$45,912		2023	8.9%
	2020-2024	\$66,962	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.0%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	5.9%		2024	91.8%
	2023	3.3%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	3.5%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.7%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		