

Laclede County

County Seat: Lebanon

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,764	1,720	20.4%	19.6%	↑	15.3%	69
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,680	2,000	19.3%	22.2%	↓	18.1%	92
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	192	184	8.0%	8.1%	↓	8.9%	63
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	38	26	4.3	2.9	↑	5.4	60
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	39	32	35.5	27.9	↑	15.9	91
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	53	36	6.0	4.0	↑	2.9	70
Education							
High school graduation	360	390	93.8%	92.9%	↓	92.1%	76
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	256	134	58.4%	33.0%	↓	41.6%	94
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	228	147	55.5%	36.2%	↓	42.1%	69
4th grade math (MAP)	215	174	45.3%	41.5%	↓	44.5%	71
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	291	137	62.0%	32.0%	↓	41.5%	82

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	35,680	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	29.4
	2023	36,738		2025	42.9
Child population under 18	2020	8,900	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	9,013		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	24.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.7
	2024	24.5%		2024	93.9
Child population under 6	2020	3,004	Family & Community		
	2024	2,803	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	35.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.4%		2020-2024	40.8
	2024	7.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.3%
Minority child population under 18	2020	771		2020-2024	17.9%
	2024	1,113	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	12.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.7%		2024	40.3
	2024	12.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.6%
Minority child population under 6	2020	300		2024	1.4%
	2024	376	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	10.0%		2024	4.8
	2024	13.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	18.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.2
	2020-2024	30.4%		2020-2024	6.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	70.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	42.7
	2020-2024	70.9%		2020-2024	30.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	32.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	18.6%		2020-2024	23.1
	2024	31.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	53.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	19.8%		2020-2024	61.7
	2024	17.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	21.0%		2020-2024	66.7%
	2020-2024	24.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	18.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	40.0%		2019-2023	17*
	2020-2024	41.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	83.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	36.3%		2019-2023	114.1
	2024	35.2%	Uninsured children	2019	7.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$56,213		2023	5.7%
	2020-2024	\$61,658	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	8.3%		2024	93.4%
	2023	3.2%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	3.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		