

Lafayette County

County Seat: Lexington

Population: 33,511

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,065	899	14.3%	12.1%	↑	15.3%	20
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,070	1,230	14.2%	16.2%	↓	18.1%	28
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	157	183	8.4%	10.2%	↓	8.9%	105
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	32	37	4.2	4.9	↓	5.4	100
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	15	21.5	14.2	↑	15.9	30
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	19	9	2.5	1.2	↑	2.9	10
Education							
High school graduation	364	374	96.0%	94.9%	↓	92.1%	48
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	216	119	55.2%	33.3%	↓	41.6%	93
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	221	135	55.0%	34.1%	↓	42.1%	80
4th grade math (MAP)	165	129	41.0%	38.6%	↓	44.5%	83
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	221	103	69.3%	30.0%	↓	41.5%	88

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	32,697	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	77.0
	2023	33,511		2025	79.1
Child population under 18	2020	7,635	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	13.4%
	2024	7,581		2025	13.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.4
	2024	22.6%		2024	93.0
Child population under 6	2020	2,428	Family & Community		
	2024	2,287	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	98.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.4%		2020-2024	46.3
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2020	852		2020-2024	8.3%
	2024	1,056	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	21.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	11.2%		2024	55.0
	2024	13.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.4%
Minority child population under 6	2020	316		2024	0.8%
	2024	364	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	2.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	13.0%		2024	2.8
	2024	15.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	18.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.9
	2020-2024	16.7%		2020-2024	8.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	67.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.6
	2020-2024	67.0%		2020-2024	22.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	8.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	22.3%		2020-2024	10.4
	2024	19.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	107.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	13.3%		2020-2024	69.2
	2024	11.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	18.7%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	19.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	4.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	37.0%		2019-2023	10.1**
	2020-2024	25.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	112.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	25.8%		2019-2023	141.3
	2024	22.3%	Uninsured children	2019	6.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$66,680		2023	6.4%
	2020-2024	\$101,193	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.3%		2024	92.8%
	2023	2.9%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.8%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		