

# Lawrence County

County Seat: Mount Vernon

Population: 39,151

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,060	1,475	21.8%	15.1%	↑	15.3%	32
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	1,820	1,890	18.8%	19.3%	↓	18.1%	61
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	187	180	7.3%	7.2%	↑	8.9%	33
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	23	28	2.4	2.8	↓	5.4	58
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	34	32	27.9	24.7	↑	15.9	77
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	16	4	1.7	0.4	↑	2.9	2
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	387	328	91.1%	92.9%	↑	92.1%	74
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	251	139	57.0%	34.2%	↓	41.6%	90
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	289	141	63.5%	34.1%	↓	42.1%	81
4th grade math (MAP)	215	175	57.0%	45.5%	↓	44.5%	50
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	244	203	63.4%	40.7%	↓	41.5%	40

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	38,241	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	22.8
	2023	39,151		2025	19.0
Child population under 18	2020	9,670	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	9,994		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.9
	2024	25.5%		2024	94.3
Child population under 6	2020	3,140	Family & Community		
	2024	3,100	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	23.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.2%		2020-2024	95.7
	2024	7.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,652		2020-2024	10.6%
	2024	1,917	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	18.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	17.1%		2024	31.6
	2024	19.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	544		2024	0.3%
	2024	538	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	17.3%		2024	2.7
	2024	17.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	20.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	8.6
	2020-2024	15.1%		2020-2024	4.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	71.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	24.0
	2020-2024	71.4%		2020-2024	37.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	17.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	31.8%		2020-2024	23.5
	2024	26.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	34.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	19.6%		2020-2024	98.3
	2024	14.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	25.6%		2020-2024	33.3%
	2020-2024	24.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	23.5
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	51.5%		2019-2023	23.1*
	2020-2024	39.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	58.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	32.9%		2019-2023	82.1
	2024	27.9%	Uninsured children	2019	9.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$47,282		2023	8.4%
	2020-2024	\$74,128	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.8%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	6.1%		2024	93.5%
	2023	3.1%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.9%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		