

Newton County

County Seat: Neosho

Population: 61,519

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,381	2,335	17.6%	16.3%	↑	15.3%	45
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,040	2,470	14.6%	17.4%	↓	18.1%	42
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	244	297	7.0%	8.6%	↓	8.9%	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	43	45	3.1	3.1	↑	5.4	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	44	42	24.3	20.7	↑	15.9	63
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	26	19	1.9	1.3	↑	2.9	12
Education							
High school graduation	514	582	88.0%	91.2%	↑	92.1%	91
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	373	222	55.8%	34.5%	↓	41.6%	88
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	302	210	49.7%	34.2%	↓	42.1%	78
4th grade math (MAP)	339	221	52.2%	36.2%	↓	44.5%	90
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	370	247	65.6%	29.9%	↓	41.5%	90

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	58,288	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	71.0
	2023	61,519		2025	66.0
Child population under 18	2020	13,856	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	12.7%
	2024	14,615		2025	13.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.4
	2024	23.8%		2024	93.3
Child population under 6	2020	4,355	Family & Community		
	2024	4,461	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	70.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.5%		2020-2024	52.8
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	5.9%
Minority child population under 18	2020	2,744		2020-2024	12.4%
	2024	3,843	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	23.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	19.8%		2024	40.7
	2024	26.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	976		2024	1.8%
	2024	1,348	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	22.4%		2024	8.5
	2024	30.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	15.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.4
	2020-2024	23.0%		2020-2024	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	77.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	25.9
	2020-2024	77.7%		2020-2024	18.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	14.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	21.5%		2020-2024	17.8
	2024	21.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	59.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	16.9%		2020-2024	22.4
	2024	16.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	83.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.1%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	22.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	17.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	39.5%		2019-2023	22.1*
	2020-2024	37.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	46.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	30.7%		2019-2023	95.2
	2024	29.9%	Uninsured children	2019	7.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$58,667		2023	5.5%
	2020-2024	\$73,533	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.8%		2024	92.7%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		