

Vernon County

County Seat: Nevada

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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	978	947	21.6%	20.7%	↑	15.3%	78
Food insecurity for children ^a	850	1,060	17.0%	22.5%	↓	18.1%	94
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	83	70	6.8%	5.6%	↑	8.9%	10
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	22	20	4.6	4.2	↑	5.4	91
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	22	23	27.7	30.5	↓	15.9	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	24	14	5.1	3.0	↑	2.9	50
Education							
High school graduation	179	209	91.3%	86.7%	↓	92.1%	113
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	161	64	64.4%	30.2%	↓	41.6%	106
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	126	76	57.5%	36.2%	↓	42.1%	70
4th grade math (MAP)	121	50	49.4%	23.4%	↓	44.5%	110
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	141	70	51.6%	29.0%	↓	41.5%	95

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	20,560	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	49.9
	2023	19,787		2025	31.7
Child population under 18	2020	4,750	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	4,706		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.8
	2024	23.8%		2024	93.9
Child population under 6	2020	1,504	Family & Community		
	2024	1,450	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	51.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.4%		2020-2024	54.3
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2020	366		2020-2024	11.4%
	2024	547	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	59.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	7.7%		2024	105.0
	2024	11.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	106		2024	1.8%
	2024	144	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	7.0%		2024	1.5
	2024	9.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	20.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.5
	2020-2024	17.0%		2020-2024	9.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	69.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	57.7
	2020-2024	69.8%		2020-2024	26.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	27.2%		2020-2024	22.4
	2024	26.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	21.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	20.4%		2020-2024	43.9
	2024	19.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.7%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	24.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	19.1
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	43.5%		2019-2023	23.8*
	2020-2024	42.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	61.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	33.9%		2019-2023	132.4
	2024	34.3%	Uninsured children	2019	10.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$58,455		2023	7.8%
	2020-2024	\$66,733	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.4%		2024	92.8%
	2023	3.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		