

Webster County

County Seat: Marshfield

Population: 42,041

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,652	2,679	24.9%	23.5%	↑	15.3%	93
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,860	2,030	17.8%	18.5%	↓	18.1%	53
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	196	228	6.7%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	44
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	18	10	1.7	0.9	↑	5.4	13
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	43	39	34.3	27.5	↑	15.9	88
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	52	44	4.8	3.8	↑	2.9	64
Education							
High school graduation	276	317	91.1%	90.8%	↓	92.1%	94
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	198	148	53.4%	43.7%	↓	41.6%	38
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	202	144	62.9%	41.9%	↓	42.1%	43
4th grade math (MAP)	181	191	49.6%	53.2%	↑	44.5%	18
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	264	129	74.6%	34.6%	↓	41.5%	69

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	39,127	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	44.4
	2023	42,041		2025	38.8
Child population under 18	2020	10,845	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	11,577		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	27.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.5
	2024	27.5%		2024	94.1
Child population under 6	2020	3,623	Family & Community		
	2024	3,735	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	36.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	9.1%		2020-2024	40.2
	2024	8.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	6.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	666		2020-2024	9.1%
	2024	1,036	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	34.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.1%		2024	20.9
	2024	9.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.2%
Minority child population under 6	2020	229		2024	0.6%
	2024	307	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.3%		2024	3.3
	2024	8.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	17.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.1
	2020-2024	11.7%		2020-2024	7.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	75.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.6
	2020-2024	75.3%		2020-2024	25.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	15.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	24.6%		2020-2024	22.4
	2024	7.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	23.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	23.1%		2020-2024	39.3
	2024	22.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	17.4%		2020-2024	33.3%
	2020-2024	20.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	13.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	38.8%		2019-2023	5**
	2020-2024	34.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	68.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	23.1%		2019-2023	85.9
	2024	20.8%	Uninsured children	2019	7.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$65,988		2023	9.1%
	2020-2024	\$81,738	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.3%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.3%		2024	94.2%
	2023	2.7%	^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	0.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		