

Hancock County, home of Acadia National Park, is a Downeast coastal community with approximately 9,240 children.

Areas of Strength

Hancock County was tied for second for the highest rates of prenatal care in the first trimester. Hancock also saw improvements in the rate of young children having all recommended vaccinations. Practices that promote access to health care for pregnant women and young children help set the stage for their healthy development. Additionally, Hancock had the second lowest rate of teens who are not in school and not working.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Prenatal care in first trimester	2
Teens not in school and not working	2

Areas of Challenge

Hancock County had the lowest rate of children attending public preschool at 18% in 2020-2021, down due to the pandemic from 40% the previous year. Hancock also had the lowest rate of child care sites rated as high-quality. Attention to the educational needs of children under age 5 is important to build a foundation for success.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	16
High-quality child care sites	16

Maine KIDS COUNT, a project of the Maine Children’s Alliance, has been part of the national KIDS COUNT network, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), since 1994. [KIDS COUNT](#) puts together in a user-friendly internet platform the most recent, reliable data available on the well-being of children in Maine and in the nation.

From the hundreds of available indicators in the areas of health, education, and social and economic status on KIDS COUNT, the selected indicators in this County Profile are among those with county-level information, where it is clear which direction we want the indicator to go. By understanding the data and making informed policy decisions in response, we can help ensure children and families in Maine have the best opportunity to thrive.

The County Profiles offer insight into how policies and practices in Maine are working and where there are opportunities for improvement. Each County Profile includes a summary of the county’s strengths and challenges, some demographics, and then the 14 indicators of child health and well-being for the current year, previous year and in comparison to the state rate. Where possible, 2020 data is shown to reflect the current situation for children and families. For other data, the most recent data is 2019 and this can serve as a baseline for assessing well-being before the onset of the Covid-19 crisis.

To learn more about the measure, click on the link to the KIDS COUNT Data Center or other source.

DEMOGRAPHICS	Hancock	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	2,364	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	6,873	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	9,237	248,624
Births, 2020	416	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	1,279	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	4,277	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,672	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	2,100	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	699	7.3%	7.9%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	366	92.0%	92.9%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	353	74.9%	69.9%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	97	10.5	10.7		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	145	15.7	16.8		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	1,279	14.2%	15.9%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$58,926	\$52,148		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	s	0.3%	2.8%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.7%	3.1%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,940	69.6%	68.4%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	92	18.0%	39.0%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	412	88.6%	89.3%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	169	54.5%	51.4%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	4	6.6%	11.6%		12.7%

= Better, = Worse, = No change (defined as less than 1% change) compared to county data from prior year.

* MEA reading tests were not conducted 2019-2020 school year, due to Covid-19 school closures.

