

Lincoln County is a coastal county with approximately 5,800 children. The largest town is Waldoboro.

Areas of Strength

Lincoln County was among the three counties with the lowest rates of children in foster care. Children thrive in safe, stable families. Lincoln was also above the state average for the percent of high-quality child care sites in the QRIS system, ranking fifth. Child care that is high-quality helps children succeed in school and develop into healthy adults. Lincoln had above average median household income and ranked fifth. Children thrive when their families' basic needs are met.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Children in foster care	3
Quality child care sites	5
Median household income	5

Areas of Challenge

Lincoln County had by far the highest rate of teens not working or in school at 14.6%, compared to 6.5% for the county with the second highest rate. Lincoln had the second highest rate of uninsured children at 9.1%; the second lowest rate for child immunizations; and the third lowest rate of prenatal care in the first trimester. Access to health insurance can help children get the care they need, including timely immunizations.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Teens not in school and not working	16
Uninsured children	15
Young child immunizations	15
Prenatal care in first trimester	14

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.

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.



DEMOGRAPHICS

	Lincoln	Maine
Children under age 5, 2020	1,522	63,380
Children ages 5 -17, 2020	4,262	184,572
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2020	5,784	247,952
Births, 2021	254	12,001
Children of color, Census 2020 †	536	41,514
Children in poverty, 2020	772	30,612
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2022	2,996	128,221
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2021	1,009	50,410
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2021-2022	588	59,291



HEALTH

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2020	537	9.1%	9.0%	👎	5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2020	204	87.2%	83.7%	👍	90.2%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 21, Q4	116	48.1%	47.0%	👍	72.0%
Children in foster care, 12/31/21, (rate per 1,000)	28	4.8	5.0	👍	9.0
Substantiated child abuse CY 2021, (rate per 1,000)	88	15.3	15.4	➖	16.9

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2020	772	13.8%	16.4%	👍	12.8%
Median household income, 2020	N/A	\$64,825	\$58,619	👍	\$59,145
Teens not in school and not working, 2016-2020	179	14.6%	8.6%	👎	3.7%
Unemployment Rate, 2021	N/A	4.4%	4.9%	👍	4.6%
All parents in workforce, children under 6, 2016-2020	1,821	65.2%	62.2%	👍	70.1%

EDUCATION

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2021-2022	124	38.3%	33.4%	👍	42.5%
High school graduation rate, 2021	283	87.6%	86.8%	👍	86.1%
Secondary school students who were chronically absent, 2020-2021*	not available	29.3%	31.4%	👍	20.9%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2021	6	25.0%	15.6%	👍	17.7%

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

Note: MEA reading tests were not conducted 2019-2020 school year, due to Covid-19 school closures. The 2020-2021 reading test was new and did not include proficiency determinations.

†See [Census 2020 Children by race/ethnicity](#) for the numbers and percents for children of each race and ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino; and among Non-Hispanic children of the following races: American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black or African American; Two or More Races or Some Other Race; and White.

*Chronic absenteeism is based on eighteen or more excused or unexcused absences and is an unweighted average of secondary schools, not taking into account the number of students per school.