

Lincoln County is a coastal county with approximately 5,800 children.

Areas of Strength

Lincoln County was among the four counties with the lowest rates of both substantiated child abuse and 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. Child care that is high-quality helps children succeed in school and develop into healthy adults. Lincoln had above average median household income.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child abuse	4
Children in foster care	4
Median household income	6

Areas of Challenge

Lincoln County had the lowest rate of 4th graders reading proficiently, and the highest rate of teens not working or in school. Compared to the previous year, Lincoln got worse in all five of the health indicators. Lincoln County had the highest rate of uninsured children at 9.0% and the lowest rate for child immunizations. Access to health insurance can help children get the care they need, including timely immunizations.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
4th grade reading	16
Teens not in school and not working	16
Uninsured children	16
Young child immunizations	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	Lincoln	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,549	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	4,289	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	5,838	248,624
Births, 2020	234	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	285	918
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	2,659	2,697
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,189	1,151
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,665	1,408



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	540	9.0%	8.4%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	206	83.7%	87.4%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	117	47.0%	55.9%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	29	5.0	4.9		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	90	15.4	9.9		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	918	16.4%	16.8%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$58,619	\$56,211		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	108	8.6%	8.0%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.3%	2.6%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,081	62.2%	64.4%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	112	33.4%	53.0%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	316	86.8%	86.8%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	85	41.9%	49.8%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	5	15.6%	16.2%		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.

