

Sagadahoc County is the smallest county geographically and has approximately 6,725 children.

Areas of Strength

Sagadahoc County had the most top rankings of any county; the lowest rate of teens who were not working or in school, the highest high school graduation rate, and the lowest secondary school chronic absenteeism rate. Sagadahoc also had the lowest unemployment rate and the highest rate of all parents with in the workforce. Young adults with well-paying jobs contribute to the local economy. Sagadahoc had the lowest child maltreatment rate.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Teens not in school and not working	1
High school graduation	1
All parents in the work force	1
Unemployment rate	1
Chronic absenteeism	1
Child maltreatment	1

Areas of Challenge

Sagadahoc County ranked fourteenth in the rate of four-year-olds who attended public preschool in 2023-2024 at 38.1% compared to the state average of 48.5%. Sagadahoc was thirteenth in the percent of child care sites that had 4 or 5 stars in the Rising Stars quality system. Access to high-quality early education builds a foundation for future learning. Although Sagadahoc’s median household income was the third highest, it was the only county where the median household income dropped in 2022.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	14
High-quality child care sites	13

The Maine Children’s Alliance is part of the national [KIDS COUNT](#)® network of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. In a user-friendly internet platform, KIDS COUNT® makes available the most recent, reliable data on the well-being of children in Maine and the nation.

From the hundreds of indicators in the areas of health, education, and economic status on KIDS COUNT, the selected indicators in this County Profile are among those where county-level data is available where it is clear which direction we want the indicator to go to make improvements for Maine children. 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, demographic data, and then information on the fourteen indicators of child health and well-being for the current year, previous year, and in comparison to the state rate.



DEMOGRAPHICS

	Sagadahoc	Maine
Children under age 5, 2022	1,547	62,120
Children ages 5 -17, 2022	5,178	187,186
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2022	6,725	249,306
Births, 2022	304	12,081
Children of color, Census 2020 †	811	41,514
Children in poverty, 2022	620	29,991
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2023	2,688	133,431
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2023	943	55,559
Economically disadvantaged students, under 185% of poverty, 2023-2024	1,243	63,983



HEALTH

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2021	316	4.4%	6.7%		4.3%
Infants with low birth weights, 2022	22	7.2%	6.6%		8.2%
Youth in evidence-based practices of HCT FFT or HCT MST*, rate per 1,000, September 2023	2	0.61	0.00		1.04
Children in foster care, December 2023, rate per 1,000	20	3.0	4.1		9.6
Substantiated child abuse, 2022, rate per 1,000	49	7.4	9.3		15.8

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2022	620	9.6%	11.3%		12.4%
Median household income, 2022	N/A	\$73,587	\$75,624		\$69,485
Teens not in school and not working, 2018-2022	s	s	s		4.2%
Unemployment Rate, 2022	N/A	2.4%	3.7%		3.0%
All parents in workforce, children under 6, 2018-2022	1,629	84.5%	79.8%		69.6%

EDUCATION

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2023-2024	128	38.1%	28.8%		48.5%
High school graduation rate, 2022	334	91.3%	91.1%		86.1%
Chronic absenteeism in schools with 12th graders**, 2021-2022	341	23.9%	25.5%		31.4%
High-quality child care sites (Rising Stars 4 or 5)††, December 2023	5	13.2%	12.2%		17.7%

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

Notes:

Maine's standardized reading tests do not include proficiency determinations so academic achievement indicators are not included.

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

* HCT-MST and HCT-FFT are the acronyms of two evidence-based intensive home and community mental health treatment services for families and youth to prevent institutional placements.

** Secondary school chronic absenteeism (18 days or more) among all public schools that offer grades 9-12, including 60% publicly funded private schools and excluding technical schools.

†† As of March 2023, Rising Stars is Maine's method of assessing and encouraging quality early care programs. It is mandatory and licensed child care programs start at 2 stars.