

Sagadahoc County is the smallest county geographically, with approximately 6,800 children.

### Areas of Strength

Sagadahoc County continued to have the lowest rate of teens who are not working or in school. Sagadahoc also had the lowest overall unemployment rate in 2020. It had the third highest household median income and the third lowest rate of child poverty. These are indications of a comparatively strong economy that helps families to thrive. Sagadahoc also had the lowest rate of children in foster care.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Teens not in school and not working	1
Unemployment rate	1
Children in foster care	1
Median household Income	3
Child poverty	3

### Areas of Challenge

In Sagadahoc County, pregnant women received prenatal care in the first trimester at a lower rate than any other county. In another health indicator, Sagadahoc had the second lowest immunization rates for children ages 18 – 35 months. For young children to develop in healthy ways, they need adequate prenatal care and immunizations. The community benefits when families with young children access needed health care services.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Prenatal care in first trimester	16
Young child immunizations	15

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	Sagadahoc	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,726	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	5,052	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	6,778	248,624
Births, 2020	282	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	750	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	2,377	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	976	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,161	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	380	5.4%	5.7%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	270	83.6%	78.3%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	19	50.0%	35.1%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	28	4.1	2.9		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	67	9.9	12.0		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	750	11.4%	13.0%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$65,841	\$65,969		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	s	s	0.8%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	4.7%	2.1%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,551	76.9%	75.6%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	113	30.2%	40.0%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	309	86.8%	86.6%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	191	54.7%	49.1%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	7	14.3%	14.8%		12.7%

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

\* s indicates the number is suppressed due to being under 10.

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

