

Androscoggin County, with the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, is one of the four counties in Maine with 23,000 or more children.

Areas of Strength

Androscoggin County had the highest rate of all parents in the workforce. Androscoggin also had the third lowest rate of uninsured children. Androscoggin saw economic improvements between 2018 and 2019, as the child poverty rate declined by two percentage points from 17.3% to 15.3% and the median household income increased by \$9,000 to \$58,958. Children thrive when parents are able to support their families financially.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
All parents in workforce	1
Uninsured children	3

Areas of Challenge

Androscoggin County had the lowest rate of students graduating high school at 80.1%, four percentage points lower than any other county. 4th grade reading proficiency was the second lowest in the state. Like many counties, the rate of children attending public preschool declined dramatically during COVID. To improve these education indicators, it is important that local schools are adequately funded, and that supportive services are accessible for all students.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
High school graduation	16
4th grade reading	15

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Androscoggin	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	6,237	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	17,067	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	23,304	248,624
Births, 2020	1,093	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	3,430	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	13,537	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	7,312	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	8,844	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	1,220	5.2%	4.6%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	1,002	86.3%	84.6%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	877	62.7%	65.5%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	237	10.2	9.9		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	403	17.3	17.5		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	3,430	15.3%	17.3%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$58,958	\$49,935		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	76	1.4%	3.9%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.5%	2.7%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	6,015	77.5%	76.6%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	647	51.0%	70.3%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	862	80.1%	80.3%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	473	43.2%	38.1%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	21	10.4%	11.6%		12.7%

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Aroostook County is the most northern and remote county in Maine, with approximately 12,200 children.

Areas of Strength

Aroostook County continued to have the highest rate of children enrolled in public preschool, though the 2020-2021 enrollment was affected by the pandemic. The rate was 73.8%, down from 92.9% the previous year, compared to the 2021 state rate of just 35.6%. Aroostook also had the third highest immunization rates of young children. Community norms that promote the importance of vaccinations and foster opportunities for early learning help young children thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	1
Young child immunizations	3

Areas of Challenge

Aroostook County had the highest rate of children who have experienced child maltreatment, as well as the most per capita children in foster care. Aroostook had the second lowest median household income in the state at \$40,675, and the third lowest percent of all available parents of children under age 6 in the work force. All children need safe, financially stable families to become healthy, productive adults.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child abuse	16
Children in foster care	16
Median household income	15
All parents in the workforce	14

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Aroostook	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	3,200	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	9,015	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	12,215	248,624
Births, 2020	586	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	2,363	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	7,451	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	3,594	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	4,231	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	768	6.3%	8.3%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	561	90.6%	91.1%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	720	78.4%	79.1%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	234	19.2	17.0		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	394	32.3	29.5		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	2,363	20.2%	19.1%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$40,675	\$39,450		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	62	2.0%	4.3%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.5%	4.1%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	2,196	59.6%	59.9%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	449	73.8%	92.9%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	619	86.2%	87.1%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	348	57.0%	54.3%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	11	12.0%	11.4%		12.7%

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Cumberland County, which includes the city of Portland, is the most populous, diverse, and growing county in Maine with 54,200 children.

Areas of Strength

Cumberland County had the highest household median income, at \$75,354, it was \$9,000 more than the second ranked county; the lowest child poverty rate; and the lowest rate of uninsured children. Cumberland also had the highest rate of 4th graders reading proficiently. Notably, Cumberland County ranks first in five of the fourteen indicators. A diversified local economy helps young children thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Median household income	1
Uninsured children	1
Child poverty	1
4th grade reading	1

Areas of Challenge

Cumberland County was ranked fifteenth in the rate of four-year-olds attending public preschool with just 18% of children attending in 2020-2021. Additionally, the number of high-quality child care sites fell from 52 to 42 in the last year, and the rate of high-quality child care sites was below the state average. Attention to the educational, social and emotional needs of children under age 5 is important to build a foundation for success.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	15

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KEY COUNTY INDICATORS OF CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Cumberland County: 2021

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Cumberland	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	14,007	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	40,167	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	54,174	248,624
Births, 2020	2,750	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	4820	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	18497	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	8067	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	9651	64925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	2,538	4.5%	4.7%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	2,401	89.9%	88.4%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	2,364	67.6%	64.5%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	238	4.4	4.5		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	350	6.5	6.8		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	4,820	9.2%	8.0%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$75,254	\$71,586		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	163	1.1%	3.6%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.3%	2.2%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	12,195	75.1%	76.7%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	535	18.2%	17.2%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	2,927	89.5%	89.0%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	1,824	65.3%	59.4%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	42	11.9%	14.8%		12.7%

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Franklin County, with Maine’s Western Mountains, is rural, and the second least populous county in Maine with 5,300 children.

Areas of Strength

Franklin County had the second highest rate of child care sites that are high-quality. In addition, Franklin had the third lowest rate for children who have experienced maltreatment. 4th grade reading also improved significantly. While Franklin’s child poverty rate remained above the state average, the county also had substantial improvement, dropping from 20.2% of children in poverty in 2018 to 16.6% in 2019.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
High-quality child care sites	2
Child abuse	3

Areas of Challenge

Like many counties, the rate of children enrolled in public preschool in Franklin County dropped dramatically from 61.0% to 33.8%. Prenatal care in the first trimester also declined and was below the statewide average. The annual unemployment rate for 2020 of 6.1% was substantially higher than the previous year and above the state average. Investment in early education, access to prenatal care, and a strong economy help build communities where families can thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Prenatal care in first trimester	12
Unemployment rate	13

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Franklin	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,312	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	4,028	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	5,340	248,624
Births, 2020	219	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	848	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	2,738	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,295	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,551	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	331	6.1%	6.0%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	184	87.2%	89.8%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	220	76.4%	73.7%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	43	8.1	8.0		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	78	14.6	24.7		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	848	16.6%	20.4%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$51,136	\$49,561		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	55	3.2%	2.0%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	6.1%	3.4%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,042	63.4%	64.9%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	93	33.8%	61.0%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	322	86.3%	81.2%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	173	49.9%	37.8%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	9	21.4%	18.2%		12.7%

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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

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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%

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Kennebec County is one of the four counties in Maine with 23,000 or more children. The state’s capital, Augusta, is located there.

Areas of Strength

Kennebec was ranked in the top three for two measures related to employment, with a low rate of teens not in school and not working, and the state’s second lowest unemployment rate for 2020. Kennebec County had the second highest immunization rates in the state for young children. Access to health care for young children and family economic stability are critical factors in ensuring children can thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Young child immunizations	2
Unemployment rate	2
Teens not in school and not working	3

Areas of Challenge

Kennebec County experienced an increase in the rate of children who experienced substantiated child abuse and ranked twelfth of all counties. The rate of children in foster care was also above the state average. All children need safe and stable families to become healthy, productive adults. The rate of uninsured children also increased and is now above the state average.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child abuse	12
Children in foster care	11

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Kennebec	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	6,019	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	17,324	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	23,343	248,624
Births, 2020	1,057	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	3,100	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	11,620	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	5,385	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	5,865	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	1,357	5.7%	5.2%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	1,010	91.3%	87.4%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	1,450	81.3%	79.7%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	273	11.7	11.4		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	623	26.7	22.4		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	3,100	13.9%	15.0%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$55,358	\$52,154		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	57	0.9%	4.3%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.0%	2.6%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	4,782	69.8%	68.8%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	484	36.8%	54.3%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	1,140	87.2%	85.4%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	707	53.7%	50.1%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	23	13.1%	13.7%		12.7%

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Knox County is a coastal county with approximately 7,000 children.

Areas of Strength

Knox County had the highest high school graduation rate in the state at 91.3%. 4th grade reading scores were also above the state average, improving six percentage points from the previous year. When communities have quality education programs for all students from early childhood through adolescence, children have greater opportunities to be successful.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
High school graduation	1
4th grade reading	5

Areas of Challenge

Knox County had no indicators in the bottom three of county rankings. Knox showed improvement in teenagers not in school or working, although its rate is still above the state average. Young adults become productive adults when given opportunities for education and employment. While the state had decreased child poverty rates, in Knox County the child poverty rate increased from 16.1% to 17.5% from 2018 to 2019 and was higher than the state average.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child poverty	10

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Knox	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,656	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	5,291	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	6,947	248,624
Births, 2020	274	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	1,179	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	3,369	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,309	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,541	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	490	6.9%	7.3%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	272	91.3%	86.9%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	265	71.6%	73.3%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	39	5.6	5.8		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	136	19.6	18.0		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	1,179	17.5%	16.1%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$55,910	\$56,678		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	56	3.6%	7.1%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.4%	2.6%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,289	64.5%	73.8%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	110	32.4%	45.0%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	263	91.3%	90.2%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	175	56.8%	50.7%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	5	11.4%	14.6%		12.7%

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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

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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%

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Oxford County is a rural, inland county with the fifth largest child population in the state at 10,500 children.

Areas of Strength

Oxford County’s child poverty rate plummeted by nine percentage points to 17.6% in 2019. While most counties saw a decline in public preschool attendance due to COVID, Oxford’s rate went up by 10 percentage points and was well above the state rate of 35.6%. Oxford also improved its rate of 4th graders reading proficiently by 10 percentage points. Communities that have quality education programs for all ages help their children reach their full potential.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	4

Areas of Challenge

Oxford County had the second highest rate of teenagers not in school and not working. Oxford also had the third lowest high school graduation rate. Young adults become productive adults when given opportunities for education and employment that pay a living wage. This might be a challenge in the short run, as Oxford County’s annual unemployment rate was the highest in the state.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Unemployment rate	16
Teens not in school and not working	15
High school graduation	14

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Oxford	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	2,496	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	7,988	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	10,484	248,624
Births, 2020	504	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	1,756	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	6,344	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	3,261	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	4,507	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	622	5.9%	5.7%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	478	90.9%	90.3%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	258	71.7%	72.4%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	137	13.1	11.8		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	219	20.9	19.9		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	1,756	17.6%	26.3%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$50,344	\$44,243		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	165	6.3%	7.3%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	6.7%	3.2%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	2,180	71.5%	67.7%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	265	51.4%	61.2%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	539	85.0%	85.5%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	282	50.7%	40.7%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	10	16.9%	17.5%		12.7%

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Penobscot County, home to the city of Bangor in central Maine, is Maine’s third most populous county with 27,000 children.

Areas of Strength

Penobscot County had the highest rate in the state of prenatal care in the first trimester. Penobscot also saw an improvement in young children getting all seven recommended vaccinations and ranked fourth. Practices that promote access to health care for pregnant women and young children help set the stage for their healthy development.

Areas of Challenge

Penobscot County had the second lowest percent of high-quality child care sites. Attention to the educational, social and emotional needs of children under age 5 is important to build a foundation for success. Additionally, Penobscot’s rate of children in foster care was the fourth highest and above the state average. All children need safe and stable families to become healthy, productive adults.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Prenatal care in first trimester	1
Young child immunizations	4

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Quality child care	15
Children in foster care	13

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Penobscot	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	7,086	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	19,980	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	27,066	248,624
Births, 2020	1,203	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	3,625	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	14,060	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	6,569	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	7,853	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	1,699	6.1%	6.4%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	1,167	93.6%	94.0%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	1,443	76.8%	75.5%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	322	11.9	11.8		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	567	20.9	24.6		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	3,625	13.9%	17.1%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$50,702	\$47,840		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	176	2.0%	1.9%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.4%	3.0%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	5,591	67.1%	70.2%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	610	41.0%	59.6%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	1,426	86.7%	88.4%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	635	55.8%	53.8%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	12	7.6%	8.3%		12.7%

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Piscataquis County, home of Baxter State Park, is Maine’s least populated and most rural county with 2,800 children.

Areas of Strength

When the pandemic hit in 2020, Piscataquis County’s unemployment increased less than all but two other counties. Also, youth in Piscataquis were more likely to be working or in school than most of Maine’s other counties. The median household income improved by \$3,500, yet Piscataquis remained one of the three counties with the lowest median household incomes. Communities that support young adults in higher education, employment, and in parenting, help build success for two generations.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Teens not in school and not working	8
Unemployment rate	tied for 9

Areas of Challenge

Piscataquis had a struggling economy, as shown by having the lowest percent of all parents of children under age 6 in the workforce at 51.8% and the second highest child poverty rate. Access to health care is also of concern, as Piscataquis had the third highest rate of children without health insurance and the third lowest rate of young children fully immunized.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
All parents in the workforce	16
Child poverty	15
Uninsured children	14
Young child immunizations	14

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Piscataquis	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	710	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	2,095	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	2,805	248,624
Births, 2020	123	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	632	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	1,826	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	973	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,242	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	206	7.4%	6.9%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	99	88.4%	91.4%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	84	53.2%	59.6%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	33	11.8	13.4		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	70	25.0	30.3		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	632	23.8%	23.8%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$43,509	\$40,066		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	21	2.6%	2.3%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.5%	3.4%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	436	51.8%	54.6%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	74	48.1%	53.9%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	170	87.2%	87.6%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	86	49.1%	44.3%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	2	11.1%	16.7%		12.7%

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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

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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%

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Somerset County is rural but has the eighth highest number of children of all 16 counties at nearly 9,400 children.

Areas of Strength

Somerset County was among the three counties with the highest rates of 4-year-olds in public preschool. Quality early education prepares children to be successful in school and reach their potential. Additionally, Somerset saw improvement in the rate of uninsured children and in prenatal care in the first trimester. Access to health care for pregnant women and for young children is important for children’s healthy development.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	3
Uninsured children	5

Areas of Challenge

Somerset County had the second highest rate in the state for children in foster care and the third highest rate for substantiated child abuse. All children need safe, stable families to become healthy, productive adults. In terms of education, 4th grade reading proficiency and high school graduation rates ranked among the lowest three counties in Maine. To improve this, it is important that local schools are adequately funded, and supportive services are accessible for all students.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Children in foster care	15
Child abuse	14
High school graduation	15
4th grade reading	14

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DEMOGRAPHICS

	Somerset	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	2,373	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	7,076	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	9,449	248,624
Births, 2020	470	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	2,023	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	5,777	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	2,949	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	4,028	64,925



HEALTH

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	542	5.7%	6.0%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	375	89.9%	88.1%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	201	74.4%	75.2%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	169	17.9	19.2		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	268	28.4	42.2		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	2,023	22.6%	21.1%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$45,333	\$43,755		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	81	3.8%	2.5%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	6.6%	4.0%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,807	66.4%	65.3%		70.7%

EDUCATION

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	285	58.5%	66.9%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	520	84.0%	83.4%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	169	45.7%	45.2%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	12	19.0%	18.8%		12.7%

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Waldo County is a central, coastal county in Maine with approximately 7,300 children.

Areas of Strength

Waldo County had the highest rate of high-quality child care sites. Quality child care sets the stage for children to be successful in school and to reach their potential. While child poverty in Waldo is still above the statewide average, Waldo saw a reduction in child poverty and an increase in median household income. When families' basic needs are met, children thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Quality child care	1

Areas of Challenge

Waldo County had the second highest rate of substantiated child abuse yet was at the statewide average for the rate per 1,000 children in foster care. All children need safe and stable families to become healthy, productive adults. Waldo County was also one of the three counties with the lowest rates of 4-year-olds in public preschool. Due to the pandemic, the rate of public preschool decreased from 46.4% to 26.1%.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child abuse	15
Public preschool	14

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Waldo	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,734	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	5,533	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	7,267	248,624
Births, 2020	341	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	1,281	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	3,963	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,813	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	2,050	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	486	6.6%	6.0%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	319	89.1%	88.1%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	151	61.1%	56.6%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	65	8.9	7.1		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	222	30.5	20.5		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	1,281	18.6%	20.2%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$51,073	\$49,482		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	79	4.4%	5.1%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.2%	2.9%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,399	68.5%	66.0%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	98	26.1%	46.4%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	222	85.1%	85.4%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	128	51.8%	45.0%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	15	30.0%	32.7%		12.7%

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Washington County is a Downeast, coastal county with approximately 6,000 children.

Areas of Strength

Washington County had the highest rate of young child immunizations at 86.2%. For prenatal care in the first trimester, Washington tied for the second best rank. Access to health care for pregnant women and for young children helps children with healthy development. Washington County was in the top four counties for all four education measures. Communities with a commitment to education help children reach their full potential.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Young child immunizations	1
Prenatal care in the first trimester	tied for 2
Public Preschool	2
Quality child care	3
4th grade reading	2

Areas of Challenge

Washington County had the highest child poverty rate in the state, with one in four children living in poverty. It also had the lowest household median income. Washington County had the second highest rate of children who lack health insurance. All children need to live in financially secure families who can meet their basic needs.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Child poverty	16
Median household income	16
Uninsured children	15

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Washington	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	1,443	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	4,496	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	5,939	248,624
Births, 2020	254	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	1,391	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	4,054	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	1,892	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	1,819	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	511	8.6%	9.1%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	254	92.0%	91.8%		90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	232	86.2%	79.5%		71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	27	4.5	6.2		8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	122	20.5	14.5		17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	1,391	24.6%	26.8%		13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$39,068	\$39,522		\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	73	4.8%	4.6%		3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	6.2%	4.2%		5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	1,017	58.0%	58.8%		70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	186	62.8%	84.5%		35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	267	87.8%	92.2%		87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	58	61.7%	49.0%		56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	6	20.0%	30.8%		12.7%

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York County, with the cities of Biddeford and Sanford, is the southernmost county and the second most populous, with approximately 38,400 children.

Areas of Strength

York County had a strong economy, based on pre-pandemic economic indicators. York had the second highest household median income; the second lowest poverty rate; and the second lowest rate of uninsured children. York had the third highest rate of 4th graders reading proficiently and was one of two counties with high school graduation rates above 90%. Children thrive when their families’ basic needs are met.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Median household income	2
Child poverty	2
Uninsured children	2
High school graduation	2
4th grade reading	3

Areas of Challenge

York County was below statewide averages in the rate of high-quality child care sites and in the rate of 4-year-olds attending public preschool. Attention to the educational, social and emotional needs of children under age 5 is important to build a foundation for success. Comparing the 2020 annual unemployment rate to the previous year, York’s unemployment rate nearly more than doubled and was the largest increase in the state.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Public preschool	13
Quality child care	12

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DEMOGRAPHICS	York	Maine
Children under age 5, 2019	9,625	63,537
Children ages 5 -17, 2019	28,813	185,087
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2019	38,438	248,624
Births, 2020	1,729	11,537
Children in poverty, 2019	3,632	33,026
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2020	14,116	118,603
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2020	5,696	53,963
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2020-2021	7,074	64,925



HEALTH	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	1,840	4.6%	4.6%	—	5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	1,633	91.1%	90.9%	—	90.1%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	1,266	67.8%	64.8%	👍	71.2%
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	233	6.1	5.5	👎	8.9
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	634	16.5	19.3	👍	17.6

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2019	3,632	9.9%	10.5%	👍	13.8%
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$66,803	\$65,984	👍	\$58,824
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	251	2.7%	2.2%	👎	3.3%
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.4%	2.4%	👎	5.4%
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	8,303	73.7%	72.9%	👍	70.7%

EDUCATION	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	593	29.0%	34.9%	👎	35.6%
High school graduation rate, 2020	1,776	90.8%	91.1%	—	87.4%
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	1,163	59.7%	54.4%	👍	56.2%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	24	11.2%	9.8%	👍	12.7%

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Maine

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HEALTH

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2019	14,229	5.6%	5.7%	
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2019	10,601	90.1%	89.1%	
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 20, Q4	10,020	71.2%	69.8%	
Children in foster care, 12/31/20, (rate per 1,000)	2,204	8.9	8.6	
Substantiated child abuse CY 2020, (rate per 1,000)	4,338	17.6	18.3	

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
Child poverty, 2019	33,026	13.8%	14.8%	
Median household income, 2019	N/A	\$58,824	\$55,579	
Teens not in school and not working, 2015-2019	2,085	3.3%	3.5%	
Unemployment Rate, 2020	N/A	5.4%	3.0%	
All parents in work force, children under 6, 2015-2019	52,824	70.7%	71.1%	

EDUCATION

	State number	State rate	Previous state rate	Better or Worse?
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2020-2021	4,746	35.6%	47.0%	
High school graduation rate, 2020	12,090	87.4%	87.4%	
4th grade reading MEA meets or exceeds proficiency, 2018-2019*	6,666	56.2%	51.7%	
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2020	208	12.7%	13.9%	

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