

2024 COUNTY DATA FACT SHEET

COUNTY: **MERRICK**



7,755

TOTAL
POPULATION¹

1,922

CHILD POPULATION
(19 & UNDER)¹



HEALTH

4%

CHILDREN UNINSURED²

25%

CHILDREN ENROLLED
IN PUBLIC HEALTH
INSURANCE³



CHILD WELFARE

5

NON-COURT CHILD
WELFARE SYSTEM
INVOLVEMENT
(RATE/1000)⁴

11

CHILD WELFARE
SYSTEM
INVOLVEMENT
(RATE/1000)⁴

5

CHILDREN RECEIVING OUT-OF-
HOME SERVICES (RATE/1000)⁴



JUVENILE JUSTICE

30

CHILDREN ON PROBATION
(RATE/1000)⁵

88

FEES AND FINES PER
JUVENILE CASE (RATE/100)⁶

7

ARRESTS (RATE/1000)⁷



EDUCATION

35%

3- & 4-YEAR OLDS
ENROLLED IN
SCHOOL⁸

96%

HIGH
SCHOOLERS
GRADUATING
IN 4-YEARS⁹

71%

NSCAS 3RD
GRADE
READING
PROFICIENCY⁹

46

CAPACITY OF LICENSED CHILD CARE
FACILITY PER 100 CHILDREN UNDER 6
WITH ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS WORKING¹⁰



ECONOMIC STABILITY

49%

FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN
IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH
INCOMES BELOW 185
FEDERAL POVERTY LINE¹¹

25%

CHILDREN IN LOW-
INCOME FAMILIES
(UNDER 200% OF FEDERAL
POVERTY LINE)¹²

8%

CHILDREN IN
POVERTY¹³

19%

CHILD FOOD
INSECURITY RATE¹¹

81%

FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN WHO
OWN THEIR HOME¹⁴

20%

CHILDREN
OF COLOR IN
POVERTY¹⁵

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5. Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation.

6. Based on Data obtained from Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation;

Nebraska Judicial Branch Juvenile Justice System Statistical Annual Report (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

7. Nebraska Crime Commission.

8. U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Table B14003.

9. Nebraska Department of Education.

10. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

11. Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap 2022, Child Food Insecurity in Nebraska by County.

12. U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Table B17024.

13. U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Table S1701.

14. U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Table B25115.

15. U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Table B17001B-1.