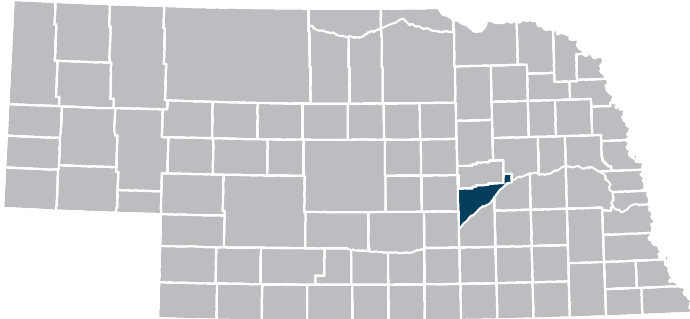


2025 COUNTY DATA FACT SHEET

COUNTY: MERRICK



7,837

TOTAL POPULATION ¹

1,953

CHILD POPULATION (19 & UNDER) ¹



HEALTH

5%

CHILDREN UNINSURED ²

22%

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE ³



CHILD WELFARE

11

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

18

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT (RATE/1000) ⁴

7

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



JUVENILE JUSTICE

13

CHILDREN ON PROBATION (RATE/1000) ⁵

323

ARRESTS (RATE/1000) ⁷

88

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



EDUCATION

47%

3- & 4-YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL ⁸

96%

HIGH SCHOOLERS GRADUATING IN 4-YEARS ⁹

69%

NSCAS 3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY ⁹

58

CAPACITY OF LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY PER 100 CHILDREN UNDER 6 WITH ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS WORKING ¹⁰



ECONOMIC STABILITY

45%

FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES BELOW 185 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE ¹¹

18%

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

5%

CHILDREN IN POVERTY ¹³

19%

CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATE ¹¹

85%

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO OWN THEIR HOME ¹⁴

2%

CHILDREN OF COLOR IN POVERTY ¹⁵

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