



Merrick County Report Card

Merrick County Population: **7,828**

- Children 19 & under: *1,984 (25.5% of population)*
- Children 4 & under: *451 (22.7% of child population)*

EDUCATION

High School Graduation Rates

- State Of Nebraska..... 89.27%
- Central City High School..... 88.33%
- Palmer High School..... 92.31%

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency

- State Of Nebraska..... 84%
- Central City Elementary..... 75%
- Palmer Elemetary..... 75%

Average Cost Per Pupil In Merrick County: **\$14,552.42**

(Nebraska Average: \$12,542.41)

Community's Education Levels:

- High School Graduate or Higher (Age 25+): *91.9% (Nebraska: 90.7%)*
- Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Age 25+): *19.2% (Nebraska: 29.3%)*

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HEALTH

Merrick County Nebraska Average

• Obesity Rate	33%	29%
• Adult Smoking.....	18%	18%
• Excessive Drinking.....	21%	20%
• Physical Inactivity.....	29%	25%
• Teen Pregnancy Rate.....	25 per 1,000	33 per 1,000

Merrick County Nebraska Average

• Uninsured Population.....	13%	13%
• Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.....	587 (32%)	162,087 (33.8%)
• Children without Insurance.....	108 (5.9%)	27,417 (5.4%)

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Merrick County Nebraska Average

• Unemployment.....	3.5%	3.9%
• Persons below Poverty Level.....	10.4%	12.6%
• Related Children 17 & Under in Poverty.....	11%	17.6%
• Related Children 5 & Under in Poverty.....	16.6%	21.2%
• Children of Color 17 & Under in Poverty.....	19.9%	33.8%
• Children Eligible for Free and Reduced Meals.....	393 (33.1%)	138,868 (39.7%)
• Utilized Food Stamps/ SNAP Benefits .. Last 12 months	15%	18.2%

- Children in Poverty -

Benchmarks:

- Median Household Income: **\$51,012 (Nebraska: \$52,997)**
- Median Earnings for Workers: **\$27,399 (Nebraska: \$29,982)**

Sources:

2015 American Community Survey
 2016 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
 2016 U.S. Census Bureau

2017 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps
 2017 Nebraska Education Profile