

Merrick County Report Card

Population: 7,780

Children 19 & under: 2,068, 26.6% of population

Children 5 & under: 443, 21.4% of child population

EDUCATION

High School Graduation Rates

- Nebraska..... 88.47%
- Central City High School..... 92.42%
- Palmer High School..... 96%

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency

- Nebraska..... 77%
- Central City Elementary School..... 61%
- Palmer Elementary School..... 63%

Average Cost per Pupil: \$12,400.11

(Nebraska Average: \$10,709.67)

Community's Education Levels:

High School Graduate or Higher (Age 25+)... 90.4% (Nebraska: 90.4%)

Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Age 25+)..... 15.1% (Nebraska: 28.1%)

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

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	Merrick County	Nebraska Average
• Uninsured Population	13%	13%
• Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP	586 (28.3%)	160,232 (31%)

Income

	Merrick County	Nebraska Average
• Unemployment	3.8%	3.2%
• Persons below Poverty Level	12.2%	12.4%
• Related Children 17 & Under in Poverty	14.8%	15.6%
• Related Children 6 & Under in Poverty	35.6%	19.6%
• Children of Color 17 & Under in Poverty	43.8%	31.3%
• Children on Free and Reduced Meals	383 (34%)	136,845 (40.32%)
• Utilized Food Stamps/ SNAP Benefits	10%	8.5%

Last 12 months

Benchmarks

• Median Household Income	\$49,609	\$51,381
• Median Income for Workers	\$26,038	\$27,948

Sources:

2012-2013 *Nebraska Department of Education*
2007-2011 *American Community Survey*

2008-2012 *U.S. Census Bureau*
2013 *Bureau of Labor Statistics*
2014 *County Health Rankings and Roadmaps*

