

Sagadahoc County is the smallest county geographically and has approximately 6,700 children.

Areas of Strength

Sagadahoc County had the lowest rate of teens who are not working or in school and the highest high school graduation rate. Additionally, Sagadahoc had the lowest annual unemployment rate at 3.7% as well as the highest rate of all parents with children under age six in the workforce. Sagadahoc had the second highest household median income and the third lowest rate of child poverty. These are all indications of a strong economy that helps families thrive.

INDICATOR	STATE RANK
Teens not in school and not working	1
High school graduation	1
Unemployment rate	1
Children in foster care	2
Median household Income	2
Child poverty	3

Areas of Challenge

In Sagadahoc County, 79.4% of pregnant women received prenatal care in the first trimester, a far lower rate than any other county. Similarly, at 33.3%, Sagadahoc had the lowest immunization rates for children ages 18 – 35 months by 15 percentage points. Adequate prenatal care and immunizations are important for the healthy development of young children. 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	16

Maine KIDS COUNT®, a project of the Maine Children’s Alliance, has been part of the national KIDS COUNT® network, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), since 1994. KIDS COUNT puts together in a user-friendly internet platform the most recent, reliable data available on the well-being of children in Maine and in the nation.

From the hundreds of available indicators in the areas of health, education, and social and economic status on KIDS COUNT, the selected indicators in this County Profile are among those with county-level information, where it is clear which direction we want the indicator to go. By understanding the data and making informed policy decisions in response, we can help ensure children and families in Maine have the best opportunity to thrive.

Each County Profile includes a summary of the county’s strengths and challenges, some demographics, and then the 14 indicators of child health and well-being for the current year, previous year and in comparison to the state rate.



DEMOGRAPHICS

	Sagadahoc	Maine
Children under age 5, 2020	1,637	63,380
Children ages 5 -17, 2020	5,025	184,572
Total Children ages 0 -17, 2020	6,662	247,952
Births, 2021	304	12,001
Children of color, Census 2020 †	811	41,514
Children in poverty, 2020	712	30,612
Children ages 0 -18 participating in MaineCare, SFY 2022	2,555	128,221
Children receiving SNAP, Dec 2021	897	50,410
School children eligible for free and reduced meals, 2021-2022	610	59,291



HEALTH

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Children under age 19 without health insurance, 2020	463	6.7%	5.4%		5.6%
Prenatal care in first trimester, 2020	224	79.4%	83.6%		90.2%
Immunization rate, ages 24-35 months, CY 21, Q4	9	33.3%	50.0%		72.0%
Children in foster care, 12/31/21, (rate per 1,000)	18	2.7	4.1		9.0
Substantiated child abuse CY 2021, (rate per 1,000)	63	9.3	9.9		16.9

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Child poverty, 2020	712	10.9%	11.4%		12.8%
Median household income, 2020	N/A	\$68,433	\$65,841		\$59,145
Teens not in school and not working, 2016-2020	0	s	s		3.7%
Unemployment Rate, 2021	N/A	3.7%	4.4%		4.6%
All parents in workforce, children under 6, 2016-2020	2,071	80.2%	76.9%		70.1%

EDUCATION

	Current number	Current rate	Previous rate	Better or Worse?	State rate
Four-year-olds in public preschool, 2021-2022	142	40.5%	30.2%		42.5%
High school graduation rate, 2021	337	91.1%	86.8%		86.1%
Secondary school students who were chronically absent, 2020-2021*	not available	9.3%	17.5%		20.9%
Child Care sites at QRIS level 3 or 4, Dec 2021	6	14.6%	14.3%		17.7%

= Better, = Worse, = No change (defined as less than 1% change) compared to county data from prior year.

Note: MEA reading tests were not conducted 2019-2020 school year, due to Covid-19 school closures. The 2020-2021 reading test was new and did not include proficiency determinations.

†See [Census 2020 Children by race/ethnicity](#) for the numbers and percents for children of each race and ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino; and among Non-Hispanic children of the following races: American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black or African American; Two or More Races or Some Other Race; and White.

*Chronic absenteeism is based on eighteen or more excused or unexcused absences and is an unweighted average of secondary schools, not taking into account the number of students per school.