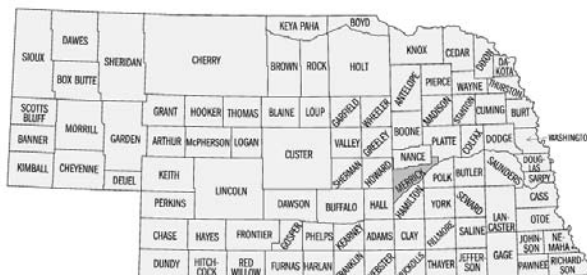


Merrick County



County Seat: Central City

Total Population (2008): 7,700

Kids Count in Nebraska 2009

Children age 19 & Under (2008)	1,933	Children under age 5 (2008)	404
Minority Children (2008)	127	Children with single parents (2000)	355

Early Childhood

Head Start/EHS (11/08)	16
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Economic Well-Being

% Poor with single parents (2000)	61
% Poor with two parents (2000)	39
% Children (17 & Under) in poverty (2000)	10
% Under 5 in poverty (2000)	10
% Minority children in poverty (2000)	25
% Working moms with child under 6 (2000)	76
Families on ADC (2008)	14

Education

High school graduates (2007-08)	100
High school dropouts (2007-08)	***
Special Education (10/08)	159
Cost per pupil (2007-08)	\$9,538.36

Out of Home Care

In Foster Care (12/31/2008)	19
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***States are required to maintain the confidentiality of data under No Child Left Behind. Data under a specified limit is masked at the county-level.

Health

Medicaid eligible children (2008)	506
Births (2007)	83
Births to Mothers age 10-17 (1998-2007)	11
Low birth weight (2007)	5
Out of Wedlock Births (1998-2007)	192
STDs (19 & under) (1999-2008)	16
Infant Deaths (1998-2007 total)	4
1-19 Deaths (1998-2007 total)	10

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Arrests (2008)	0
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Nutrition

WIC Participation (9/2008)	185
Free/Reduced Meal Eligibility (9/2008)	32%
Summer Food Program Daily Meals (2008)	0
Food Stamp Participation (18 & Under, 6/08)	171



For additional county data, including trend data, go to www.voicesforchildren.com and click on "Kids Count Data Center"

