Love County

County Seat: Marietta
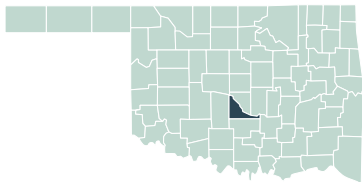
Number of Children (1997): 2,249

Children are 26.2% of the county population

Economic Cluster #4: Poorer

Indicator	Base Data	−	Worsened	Improved	+	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	7.5% of live births 1983-87				38.0%	4.6% of live births 1992-96	4
Infant Mortality	17.8/1000 live births 1983-87				77.3%	4.0/1000 live births 1992-96	5
Births to Young Teens	22.7/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83	-64.0%				37.2/1000 girls 15-17 1994-96	39
Child Abuse & Neglect	5.7 confirmed/1000 children FY 1985	-264.8%				20.9 confirmed/1000 children FY 1997	57
Child Deaths	57.6/100,000 children 1-14 1978-83				37.8%	35.8/100,000 children 1-14 1992-96	18
Child Poverty	17.2% of all children 1980	-32.9%				22.9% of all children 1993 (revised)	27
High School Dropouts	2.3% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year	-18.6%				2.8% of grades 9-12 1996-1997 School Year	15
Juvenile Arrests	196.9/100,000 youth 10-17 1980				100.0%	0.0/100,000 youth 10-17 1997	tie for 1

Change of more than 110% — positive or negative — are graphed with broken bar ■ *state change* ■ *county change* *### = zero base - cannot calculate change* *County Rank (1 = best) (77 = worst)*

McClain County

County Seat: Purcell

Number of Children (1997): 7,090

Children are 27.5% of the county population

Economic Cluster #1: Wealthiest

Indicator	Base Data	−	Worsened	Improved	+	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	7.0% of live births 1983-87				27.1%	5.1% of live births 1992-96	8
Infant Mortality	12.1/1000 live births 1983-87				51.3%	5.9/1000 live births 1992-96	17
Births to Young Teens	34.7/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83				40.9%	20.5/1000 girls 15-17 1994-96	6
Child Abuse & Neglect	9.1 confirmed/1000 children FY 1985	-83.8%				16.6 confirmed/1000 children FY 1997	42
Child Deaths	24.1/100,000 children 1-14 1978-83				7.2%	22.4/100,000 children 1-14 1992-96	3
Child Poverty	9.8% of all children 1980	-74.5%				17.1% of all children 1993 (revised)	10
High School Dropouts	2.9% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year	-34.3%				3.9% of grades 9-12 1996-1997 School Year	27
Juvenile Arrests	254.2/100,000 youth 10-17 1980				44.6%	140.9/100,000 youth 10-17 1997	46

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