

# Dent County

County Seat: Salem

County  
Composite  
Rank

2013  
**76**

2017  
**99**

Population: 15,593

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,124	1,088	31.8%	31%	↑	20.4%	90
Food insecurity for children*	910	890	25.9%	24.7%	↑	20.8%	77
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	75	73	8.3%	8%	↑	8.0%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	18	17	4.9	4.8	↑	7.6	23
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	21	18	5.7	5	↑	10.2	54
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	30	25	64.4	55.9	↑	25.0	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	25	37	6.9	10.3	↓	4.5	102
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	145	123	90.6%	88.5%	↓	90.2%	103
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>^#</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	71	75	41.8%	47.5%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	86	98	51.5%	62.8%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	66	77	37.1%	51%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	101	75	66%	48.1%		62.2%	

<sup>^</sup>Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

\* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

# Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

**LEGEND:** ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2011	15,577
	2015	15,593
Child population under 18	2011	3,606
	2015	3,585
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	23%
	2015	23%
Child population under 6	2011	1,113
	2015	1,105
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.1%
	2015	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2011	160
	2015	219
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	4.4%
	2015	6.1%
Minority child population under 6	2011	54
	2015	90
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	1.5%
	2015	2.5%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	20.7%
	2011-2015	38%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	77.8%
	2011-2015	61.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	27.8%
	2011-2015	35.2%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	31.8%
	2011-2015	31%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	26.8%
	2011-2015	27.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	45.9%
	2011-2015	45.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	49.7%
	2015	44.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$40,417
	2011-2015	\$48,355
Adult unemployment	2011	9%
	2015	5.8%
Child homelessness	2011	2.4%
	2015	2.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	41.3
	2016	71.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.6%
	2015	95%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	98.5
	2011-2015	82.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	10.6%
	2011-2015	14.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	30.2
	2015	13.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	2.7%
	2015	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	3.6
	2015	11.2
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	25.2%
	2011-2015	47.9%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	10
	2011-2015	9.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	49.5
	2011-2015	27.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	47.2
	2011-2015	13.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	61.2
	2011-2015	93.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	25%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	35
	2010-2014	10.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	86.9
	2010-2014	114.6
Uninsured children	2010	7.8%
	2014	11.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	94%
	2015	94.6%

\*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.