

# Taney County

County Seat: Forsyth

County  
Composite  
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,636	2,848	31.9%	25%	↑	20.4%	54
Food insecurity for children*	2,950	3,150	27.5%	27.3%	↑	20.8%	104
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	256	230	7.7%	7.3%	↑	8.0%	48
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	73	50	6.4	4.4	↑	7.6	11
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	46	72	4	6.3	↓	10.2	74
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	80	52	46.2	28.8	↑	25.0	52
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	62	76	5.4	6.5	↓	4.5	67
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	515	520	87.1%	94.7%	↑	90.2%	37
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	327	325	52.2%	57.7%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	339	367	56.5%	57.8%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	312	307	51%	53.2%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	392	357	62.3%	57.5%		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	52,640
	2015	54,592
Child population under 18	2011	11,556
	2015	11,646
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	21.9%
	2015	21.3%
Child population under 6	2011	3,781
	2015	3,775
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.2%
	2015	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2011	1,421
	2015	1,679
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	12.3%
	2015	14.4%
Minority child population under 6	2011	504
	2015	603
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	4.4%
	2015	5.2%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	29.6%
	2011-2015	37.3%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	68.8%
	2011-2015	62.1%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	29.6%
	2011-2015	30.9%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	31.9%
	2011-2015	25%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	31.7%
	2011-2015	33.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	41.1%
	2011-2015	49.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	50.8%
	2015	42.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$47,409
	2011-2015	\$44,287
Adult unemployment	2011	12%
	2015	8%
Child homelessness	2011	10.6%
	2015	9.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	71.5
	2016	61.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	17.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.4%
	2015	94.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	36
	2011-2015	45.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	11.5%
	2011-2015	14.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	45.1
	2015	39.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	2.3%
	2015	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	7.5
	2015	10.8
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	13.8%
	2011-2015	45.8%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	7
	2011-2015	6.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	14.7
	2011-2015	21.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	11.1
	2011-2015	17.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	31.7
	2011-2015	39.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	20
	2010-2014	27.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	74.5
	2010-2014	76.3
Uninsured children	2010	9.6%
	2014	11.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.2%
	2015	93.9%

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