

Dent County

County Seat: Salem

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 15,387

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,072	976	30.5%	28.8%	↑	19.2%	84
Food insecurity for children ^b	910	870	25.7%	24.1%	↑	18.6%	98
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	75	78	8.4%	8.6%	↓	8.2%	86
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	27	21	7.5	5.9	↑	7.2	49
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	19	18	5.3	5.0	↑	9.2	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	16	29.0	37.0	↓	23.3	87
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	19	68	5.3	19.6	↓	4.2	115
Education							
Graduation rate	127	148	91.4%	98.0%	↑	91.5%	21
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	80	88	44.7%	50.9%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	108	99	61.0%	57.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	94	77	58.0%	47.5%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	52	88	41.9%	59.1%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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2014
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2018
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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	15,622
	2016	15,387
Child population under 18	2012	3,612
	2016	3,461
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.1%
	2016	22.5%
Child population under 6	2012	1,115
	2016	1,097
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.1%
	2016	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	189
	2016	236
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	5.2%
	2016	6.8%
Minority child population under 6	2012	78
	2016	106
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	7.0%
	2016	9.7%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	28.2%
	2012-2016	27.8%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	71.4%
	2012-2016	72.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	24.9%
	2012-2016	27.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	30.5%
	2012-2016	27.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	21.7%
	2012-2016	18.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	49.5%
	2012-2016	41.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	51.2%
	2016	45.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$39,435
	2012-2016	\$52,554
Adult unemployment	2012	7.6%
	2016	5.4%
Child homelessness	2012	2.1%
	2016	2.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	38.8
	2017	76.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	3.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.3%
	2016	95.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	99.7
	2012-2016	62.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.2%
	2012-2016	7.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	30.6
	2016	19.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.4%
	2016	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	5.3
	2016	10.7
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	43.9%
	2012-2016	43.3%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	10.1
	2012-2016	11.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	45.2
	2012-2016	22.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	53.7
	2012-2016	13.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	62.1
	2012-2016	63.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	33.3%
	2012-2016	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	25.0
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	89.9
	2011-2015	115.3
Uninsured children	2011	8.1%
	2015	8.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.9%
	2016	95.4%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.