

Taney County

County Seat: Forsyth

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 54,735

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,447	3,131	30.2%	27.3%	↑	19.2%	78
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,190	2,730	28.5%	24.0%	↑	18.6%	97
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	258	245	7.8%	7.7%	↑	8.2%	57
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	72	63	6.2	5.4	↑	7.2	35
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	39	58	3.4	5.0	↓	9.2	61
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	79	63	46.1	35.1	↑	23.3	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	55	92	4.8	7.9	↓	4.2	84
Education							
Graduation rate	555	602	94.4%	96.9%	↑	91.5%	33
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	301	366	52.6%	62.8%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	415	385	60.8%	62.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	343	313	54.7%	53.8%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	354	373	57.8%	68.3%		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	52,992
	2016	54,735
Child population under 18	2012	11,522
	2016	11,692
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	21.7%
	2016	21.4%
Child population under 6	2012	3,847
	2016	3,731
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.3%
	2016	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2012	1,479
	2016	1,736
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	12.8%
	2016	14.8%
Minority child population under 6	2012	538
	2016	654
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	14.0%
	2016	17.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	35.0%
	2012-2016	35.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	64.4%
	2012-2016	64.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	36.7%
	2012-2016	45.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	30.2%
	2012-2016	24.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	26.1%
	2012-2016	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	43.7%
	2012-2016	49.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	52.4%
	2016	41.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$42,050
	2012-2016	\$46,494
Adult unemployment	2012	10.3%
	2016	7.4%
Child homelessness	2012	11.3%
	2016	7.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	72.6
	2017	61.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	17.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.6%
	2016	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.0
	2012-2016	50.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	8.5%
	2012-2016	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	41.2
	2016	32.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.0%
	2016	1.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	8.9
	2016	11.4
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	38.7%
	2012-2016	39.1%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.0
	2012-2016	6.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	16.5
	2012-2016	19.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	15.2
	2012-2016	17.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	41.2
	2012-2016	29.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	16.2
	2011-2015	27.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	71.1
	2011-2015	80.1
Uninsured children	2011	9.1%
	2015	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.6%
	2016	94.2%

^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.