

Taney County

County Composite Rank

2015 **53**

2019 **42**

Population: 55,355

County Seat: Forsyth

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,272	2,532	29.0%	22.2%	↑	18.5%	54
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,060	2,510	26.8%	21.9%	↑	17.4%	88
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	255	264	7.8%	8.3%	↓	8.4%	77
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	58	45	5.0	3.8	↑	7.1	11
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	33	46	2.9	3.9	↓	8.0	53
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	61	44	35.2	24.9	↑	22.5	55
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	62	67	5.4	5.7	↓	3.3	75
Education							
Graduation rate	545	516	94.8%	94.9%	↑	91.0%	36
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		400		62.6%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		394		64.7%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		333		56.1%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	53,575
	2017	55,355
Child population under 18	2013	11,471
	2017	11,669
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	21.4%
	2017	21.1%
Child population under 6	2013	3,824
	2017	3,759
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.2%
	2017	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2013	1,538
	2017	1,793
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	13.4%
	2017	15.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	565
	2017	649
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	14.8%
	2017	17.3%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	36.8%
	2013-2017	33.5%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	62.0%
	2013-2017	66.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	31.6%
	2017	31.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	27.0%
	2017	21.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	31.8%
	2013-2017	31.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	41.0%
	2013-2017	52.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	48.4%
	2017	40.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$43,938
	2013-2017	\$45,529
Adult unemployment	2013	8.9%
	2017	6.1%
Child homelessness	2013	11.5%
	2017	12.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	58.8
	2018	62.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	16.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.2%
	2018	94.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	28.8
	2013-2017	56.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.3%
	2013-2017	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	41.2
	2017	27.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.5%
	2017	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	10.0
	2017	11.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.5
	2013-2017	7.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	22.8
	2013-2017	20.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.1
	2013-2017	16.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	39.3
	2013-2017	38.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	20.4*
	2012-2016	32.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	75.2
	2012-2016	86.0
Uninsured children	2012	9.5%
	2016	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.4%
	2017	94.5%

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

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).