Christian County

County Seat: Ozark

Population: 93,114

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,484	2,239	11.5%	9.8%	↑	16.8%	5
Food insecurity for children [a]	3,330	1,890	15.4%	8.4%	↑	12.8%	8
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	321	335	6.3%	6.4%	↓	8.9%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	100	92	4.6	3.9	↑	6.3	23
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	35	18	1.6	0.8	↑	5.1	9
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	44	32	16.0	10.8	↑	16.8	17
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	59	22	2.7	0.9	↑	2.7	3
Education							
High school graduation	1,001	1,029	94.2%	94.1%	↓	91.2%	54
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	685	656	60.0	55.4		41.0%	8
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	615	643	54.5	53.8		41.9%	4
4th grade math (MAP)	661	752	58.2	65.5		43.0%	5
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	717	736	64.9	58.5		41.2%	4

Trend: ↑ better   ↓ worse   → no change

[a] Data based on 2017 and 2021.

[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

[c] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	84,275
	2022	93,114
Child population under 18	2018	21,985
	2022	23,362
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.8%
	2022	25.1%
Child population under 6	2018	6,678
	2022	6,864
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%
	2022	7.4%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	1,774
	2022	2,789
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	8.1%
	2022	11.9%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	578
	2022	936
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	8.7%
	2022	13.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	25.8%
	2018-2022	14.4%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	73.1%
	2018-2022	77.6%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	5.3%
	2022	6.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	10.6%
	2022	9.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.1%
	2018-2022	21.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	30.4%
	2018-2022	23.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	20.6%
	2022	16.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$63,288
	2018-2022	$$92,755
Adult unemployment	2018	2.6%
	2022	2.0%
Child homelessness	2018	1.4%
	2022	0.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	71.9
	2023	71.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	7.6%
	2023	4.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	93.9

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.2
	2018-2022	58.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.7%
	2018-2022	9.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	27.8
	2022	31.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.9%
	2022	1.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.6
	2022	3.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.7
	2018-2022	5.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.7
	2018-2022	26.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	14.7
	2018-2022	15.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	26.1
	2018-2022	74.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	20.7
	2017-2021	18.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	72.8
	2017-2021	98.3
Uninsured children	2017	4.5%
	2021	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.1%
	2022	93.5%

[a] Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.
[b] If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).