Macon County

County Seat: Macon

Population: 15,049

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	741	642	21.8%	18.8%	↑	16.8%	44
Food insecurity for children [a]	740	410	20.0%	11.6%	↑	12.8%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	62	72	6.9%	8.3%	↓	8.9%	71
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	19	17	5.4	4.9	↑	6.3	44
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	14	12	3.9	3.4	↑	5.1	66
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	9	31.3	18.1	↑	16.8	50
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	42	33	12.1	9.4	↑	2.7	107
Education							
High school graduation	139	167	93.9%	94.9%	↑	91.2%	43
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	85	52	57.8	35.6		41.0%	78
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	62	64	35.4	40.0		41.9%	55
4th grade math (MAP)	105	71	63.6	52.6		43.0%	17
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	81	71	55.9	38.4		41.2%	52

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	15,254
	2022	15,049
Child population under 18	2018	3,470
	2022	3,495
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.7%
	2022	23.2%
Child population under 6	2018	1,045
	2022	1,058
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.9%
	2022	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	286
	2022	356
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	8.2%
	2022	10.2%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	77
	2022	116
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	7.4%
	2022	11.0%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.0%
	2018-2022	14.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.7%
	2018-2022	78.2%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.1%
	2022	16.6%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.0%
	2022	17.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.3%
	2018-2022	22.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	46.0%
	2018-2022	33.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	26.5%
	2022	20.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$54,844
	2018-2022	$$69,440
Adult unemployment	2018	2.9%
	2022	2.5%
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%
	2022	0.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	67.4
	2023	61.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	59.8%
	2023	65.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	94.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	21.8
	2018-2022	38.4
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	29.9
	2022	20.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.3%
	2022	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	12.1
	2022	5.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.9
	2018-2022	3.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.3
	2018-2022	18.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	13.0
	2018-2022	7.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	33.2
	2018-2022	56.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	—%
	2018-2022	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	25.1*
	2017-2021	5.5**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	62.2
	2017-2021	109.0
Uninsured children	2017	6.3%
	2021	9.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
	2022	93.1%

[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).