

# Christian County

County  
Composite  
Rank

8<sup>2017</sup>

10<sup>2021</sup>

County Seat: Ozark

Population: 88,595

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2015	2019	2015	2019		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,036	2,783	14.3%	12.8%	↑	17.0%	13
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	4,050	2,630	19%	12.1%	↑	15.2%	11
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	287	271	5.7%	6.5%	↓	8.6%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	98	107	4.6	4.8	↓	6.9	31
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	32	36	1.5	1.6	↓	7.0	20
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	55	43	20	15.7	↑	20.3	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	57	48	2.6	2.2	↑	3.2	24
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	952	1,042	93.9%	95.9%	↑	91.7%	32
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)		721		59.6%		48.6%	11
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)		684		57.3%		47.3%	6
4th grade math (MAP)		712		60.5%		46.8%	9
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)		689		62.2%		44.7%	5

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2014 and 2018.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2010-2014 and 2015-2019.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2015 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2019; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2015	83,279
	2019	88,595
Child population under 18	2015	21,646
	2019	22,230
Children under 18 as % of total population	2015	26%
	2019	25.1%
Child population under 6	2015	6,432
	2019	6,717
Children under 6 as % of total population	2015	7.7%
	2019	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2015	1,830
	2019	1,799
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2015	8.5%
	2019	8.1%
Minority child population under 6	2015	574
	2019	590
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2015	8.9%
	2019	8.8%
Children in single-parent families	2010-2014	24.6%
	2015-2019	18.2%
Children in married-parent families	2010-2014	75%
	2015-2019	72.5%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2015	9.9%
	2019	18.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2010-2014	14.9%
	2015-2019	11.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2010-2014	26.7%
	2015-2019	24.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2010-2014	32.5%
	2015-2019	28.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2015	23.7%
	2019	18.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2010-2014	\$58,983
	2015-2019	\$69,885
Adult unemployment	2015	4.2%
	2019	2.7%
Child homelessness	2015	2.4%
	2019	1.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2015	75.5
	2020	70.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2015	—
	2020	7.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2015	95.7%
	2019	95.1%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2010-2014	45.3
	2015-2019	52.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2010-2014	11.4%
	2015-2019	11.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2015	29.9
	2019	28.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2015	1.3%
	2019	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2015	2.9
	2019	3.1

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2010-2014	3.4
	2015-2019	7.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2010-2014	14.6
	2015-2019	18.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2010-2014	14.6
	2015-2019	14.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2010-2014	44.2
	2015-2019	36.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2010-2014	50%
	2015-2019	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2009-2013	24.3
	2014-2018	28.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2009-2013	66.1
	2014-2018	81.2
Uninsured children	2014	7.7%
	2018	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2015	95.8%
	2019	94.9%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);\*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)