

Macon County

County Seat: Macon

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	917	741	25.6%	21.8%	↑	18.3%	53
Food insecurity for children ^b	810	740	21.8%	20%	↑	17.5%	75
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	64	69	7.0%	7.8%	↓	8.5%	54
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	23	19	6.2	5.4	↑	7.1	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	14	3.2	3.9	↓	7.5	67
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	14	30.5	31.3	↓	21.6	77
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	13	42	3.5	12.1	↓	4.0	106
Education							
High school graduation	160	139	91.4%	93.9%	↑	91.3%	58
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		85		57.8%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		62		35.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		105		63.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		81		55.9%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	15,479
	2018	15,254
Child population under 18	2014	3,723
	2018	3,470
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.7%
	2018	23.7%
Child population under 6	2014	1,122
	2018	1,045
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.3%
	2018	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	306
	2018	286
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	8.3%
	2018	8.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	88
	2018	77
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	7.8%
	2018	7.4%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	23.8%
	2014-2018	33.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	76.1%
	2014-2018	66.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	26.4%
	2018	25.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	23.7%
	2014-2018	20.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	24.6%
	2014-2018	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	41.4%
	2014-2018	49.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	33.1%
	2018	26.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$51,454
	2014-2018	\$54,571
Adult unemployment	2014	6.1%
	2018	2.9%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	67.8
	2019	67.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	59.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.6%
	2018	95.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	81.0
	2014-2018	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.0%
	2014-2018	9.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	18.7
	2018	29.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.8%
	2018	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.7
	2018	12.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	2.2
	2014-2018	10.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	37.6
	2014-2018	11.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.4
	2014-2018	11.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	121.8
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	17.2**
	2013-2017	13.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	53.6
	2013-2017	58.2
Uninsured children	2013	9.1%
	2017	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.3%
	2018	94.7%

^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)