

Ozark County

County Seat: Gainesville

County
Composite
Rank

2016
46

2020
51

Population: 9,236

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	640	548	35.0%	33.2%	↑	18.3%	102
Food insecurity for children ^b	470	460	25.7%	25.2%	↑	17.5%	112
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	46	39	10.7%	9.2%	↑	8.5%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	15	4	8.2	2.3	↑	7.1	3
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3	1	1.6	0.6	↑	7.5	4
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	5	25.6	21.9	↑	21.6	39
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	12	22	6.5	13.0	↓	4.0	109
Education							
High school graduation	120	110	98.4%	96.5%	↓	91.3%	21
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		57		49.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		59		48.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		63		57.3%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		28		25.7%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

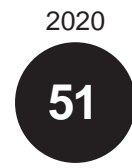
^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^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	9,492
	2018	9,236
Child population under 18	2014	1,839
	2018	1,693
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	19.6%
	2018	19.7%
Child population under 6	2014	537
	2018	458
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	5.7%
	2018	5.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	87
	2018	90
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	4.7%
	2018	5.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	26
	2018	24
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	4.8%
	2018	5.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	36.8%
	2014-2018	27.7%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	61.7%
	2014-2018	68.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.8%
	2018	40.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	31.8%
	2014-2018	30.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	25.5%
	2014-2018	28.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	55.4%
	2014-2018	60.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	47.0%
	2018	47.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$34,511
	2014-2018	\$34,716
Adult unemployment	2014	8.7%
	2018	5.2%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	1.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	37.5
	2019	46.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.3%
	2018	95.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	110.7
	2014-2018	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	7.2%
	2014-2018	5.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	15.5
	2018	10.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.4%
	2018	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.9
	2018	5.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	7.0
	2014-2018	4.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	32.6
	2014-2018	55.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	12.8
	2014-2018	47.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	59.2
	2014-2018	56.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	50.0%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	8.7**
	2013-2017	18.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	46.0
	2013-2017	46.6
Uninsured children	2013	12.0%
	2017	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.9%
	2018	95.6%

^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)