

# Taney County

County Seat: Forsyth

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
**74**

2020  
**50**

Population: 54,720

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,235	2,645	28.7%	23.0%	↑	18.3%	65
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	3,020	2,440	26.5%	21.1%	↑	17.5%	89
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	254	275	8.0%	8.5%	↓	8.5%	78
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	63	47	5.5	4.0	↑	7.1	17
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	59	56	5.2	4.8	↑	7.5	79
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	60	46	34.8	25.8	↑	21.6	54
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	67	75	5.8	6.4	↓	4.0	71
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	519	570	92.7%	95.0%	↑	91.3%	40
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		301		49.5%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		334		55.7%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		306		48.1%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		299		47.3%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2013 and 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

<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 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	54,230
	2018	54,720
Child population under 18	2014	11,536
	2018	11,774
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.2%
	2018	21.3%
Child population under 6	2014	3,754
	2018	3,821
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.9%
	2018	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2014	1,604
	2018	1,895
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	14.0%
	2018	16.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	578
	2018	711
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	15.4%
	2018	18.6%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	38.1%
	2014-2018	36.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	61.5%
	2014-2018	62.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	37.0%
	2018	33.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	27.6%
	2014-2018	21.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	35.5%
	2014-2018	31.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.1%
	2014-2018	51.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	43.8%
	2018	38.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$44,575
	2014-2018	\$47,628
Adult unemployment	2014	9.6%
	2018	5.2%
Child homelessness	2014	11.2%
	2018	13.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	51.5
	2019	48.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	40.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.4%
	2018	94.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	34.4
	2014-2018	67.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	6.7%
	2014-2018	9.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	45.6
	2018	23.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.0%
	2018	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	8.0
	2018	9.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.7
	2014-2018	8.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	22.8
	2014-2018	22.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	18.9
	2014-2018	12.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	40.9
	2014-2018	58.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	13.7*
	2013-2017	34.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	64.5
	2013-2017	83.8
Uninsured children	2013	10.4%
	2017	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.4%
	2018	94%

<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)