

# Christian County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,063	2,508	14.4%	11.3%	↑	15.5%	10
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	3,740	2,500	17.5%	11.4%	↑	15.1%	8
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	296	314	5.9%	6.1%	↓	8.7%	9
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	91	102	4.2	4.5	↓	7.1	25
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	46	18	2.1	0.8	↑	6.2	9
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	39	15.2	13.9	↑	18.8	24
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	51	39	2.3	1.7	↑	3.2	9
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	963	1,076	95.3%	94.6%	↓	91.3%	46
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	84,401
	2020	87,324
Child population under 18	2016	21,726
	2020	22,738
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	25.7%
	2020	25.1%
Child population under 6	2016	6,552
	2020	6,872
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.8%
	2020	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,680
	2020	2,000
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.7%
	2020	8.8%
Minority child population under 6	2016	528
	2020	655
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	8.1%
	2020	9.5%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	27.2%
	2016-2020	16.3%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	72.6%
	2016-2020	74.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	14.8%
	2020	12.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	14.3%
	2016-2020	10.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26.9%
	2016-2020	21.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	33.1%
	2016-2020	26.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	23%
	2020	18.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$57,905
	2016-2020	\$80,015
Adult unemployment	2016	3.9%
	2020	4.9%
Child homelessness	2016	2.1%
	2020	2.3%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	73.3
	2021	71
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	38.5%
	2021	7.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.9%
	2020	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33.5
	2016-2020	52.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.98%
	2016-2020	7.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	30
	2020	18
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.1%
	2020	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	2.9
	2020	4.1

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.8
	2016-2020	5.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18
	2016-2020	19.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	14.6
	2016-2020	13.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	34.5
	2016-2020	36.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	23.4
	2015-2019	23.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	63.6
	2015-2019	75.8
Uninsured children	2015	6.1%
	2019	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	96%
	2020	94.8%

<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).