

# Gasconade County

County Seat: Hermann

County  
Composite  
Rank

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Population: 14,673

| Outcome Measures   | Number |      | Rate  |       | Trend | Rank       |             |
|--|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
|  | 2016   | 2020 | 2016  | 2020  |       | State Rate | County Rank |
| <b>Economic Well-Being</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Children under 18 in poverty   | 570    | 413  | 18.7% | 14.1% | ↑     | 15.5%      | 24          |
| Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>  | 660    | 400  | 20.4% | 13.3% | ↑     | 15.1%      | 19          |
| <b>Health</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>   | 50     | 62   | 6.5%  | 8.1%  | ↓     | 8.7%       | 62          |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup> | 17     | 19   | 5.4   | 6.4   | ↓     | 7.1        | 65          |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>   | 15     | 10   | 4.8   | 3.3   | ↑     | 6.2        | 57          |
| <b>Family &amp; Community</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)  | 10     | 6    | 23    | 15.3  | ↑     | 18.8       | 28          |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>                           | 10     | 13   | 3.2   | 4.4   | ↓     | 3.2        | 62          |
| <b>Education</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| High school graduation   | 211    | 193  | 91.3% | 94.1% | ↑     | 91.3%      | 51          |
| 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      | 14,808 |
|  | 2020      | 14,673 |
| Child population under 18  | 2016      | 3,111  |
|  | 2020      | 2,988  |
| Children under 18 as % of total population                         | 2016      | 21%    |
|  | 2020      | 20.5%  |
| Child population under 6   | 2016      | 935    |
|  | 2020      | 940    |
| Children under 6 as % of total population                          | 2016      | 6.3%   |
|  | 2020      | 6.5%   |
| Minority child population under 18                                 | 2016      | 171    |
|  | 2020      | 180    |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population        | 2016      | 5.5%   |
|  | 2020      | 6%     |
| Minority child population under 6                                  | 2016      | 69     |
|  | 2020      | 65     |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population | 2016      | 7.4%   |
|  | 2020      | 6.9%   |
| Children in single-parent families                                 | 2011-2015 | 28.8%  |
|  | 2016-2020 | 23.7%  |
| Children in married-parent families                                | 2011-2015 | 70.9%  |
|  | 2016-2020 | 73.1%  |

### Economic Well-being

|   |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6                                       | 2016      | 27.6%    |
|   | 2020      | 12.4%    |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17                                    | 2011-2015 | 19.2%    |
|   | 2016-2020 | 13.5%    |
| Housing cost-burdened households                                  | 2011-2015 | 27.1%    |
|   | 2016-2020 | 16.9%    |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2011-2015 | 35.1%    |
|   | 2016-2020 | 23.5%    |
| Children in families receiving SNAP                               | 2016      | 30.7%    |
|   | 2020      | 24.2%    |
| Median income family household with children under 18             | 2011-2015 | \$56,294 |
|   | 2016-2020 | \$70,233 |
| Adult unemployment  | 2016      | 4.3%     |
|   | 2020      | 5.8%     |
| Child homelessness  | 2016      | 4%       |
|   | 2020      | 3.4%     |

### Education

|  |      |       |
|--|------|-------|
| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)                 | 2016 | 66.9  |
|  | 2021 | 59.6  |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2016 | 0%    |
|  | 2021 | —%    |
| School attendance, grades K-12                           | 2016 | 95.6% |
|  | 2020 | 94.6% |

### Family & Community

|  |           |       |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2011-2015 | 157.1 |
|  | 2016-2020 | 97.1  |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18     | 2011-2015 | 6.71% |
|  | 2016-2020 | 6.4%  |
| Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)   | 2016      | 21.7  |
|  | 2020      | 25.8  |
| Annual high school dropout rate                            | 2016      | 1.6%  |
|  | 2020      | 1.3%  |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)    | 2016      | 4.8   |
|  | 2020      | 4.4   |

### Health

|   |           |       |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Infant mortality (per 1,000)  | 2011-2015 | 1.3   |
|   | 2016-2020 | 1.3   |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)  | 2011-2015 | 44.1  |
|   | 2016-2020 | 56.3  |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)  | 2011-2015 | 17    |
|   | 2016-2020 | 47.8  |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)   | 2011-2015 | 176.6 |
|   | 2016-2020 | 36.8  |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>           | 2011-2015 | 33.3% |
|   | 2016-2020 | 0%    |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>           | 2010-2014 | 17    |
|   | 2015-2019 | 26.6  |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2010-2014 | 97.4  |
|   | 2015-2019 | 128.9 |
| Uninsured children  | 2015      | 7.9%  |
|   | 2019      | 8.1%  |
| School attendance, grades 9-12  | 2016      | 95.6% |
|   | 2020      | 94.4% |

<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).