

Macon County

County Seat: Macon

County
Composite
Rank

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2022

Population: 15,154

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	819	619	23.5%	18.3%	↑	15.5%	51
Food insecurity for children ^b	840	580	22.8%	16.1%	↑	15.1%	48
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	52	83	5.8%	9.5%	↓	8.7%	96
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	33	24	9.2	6.9	↑	7.1	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	23	11	6.4	3.2	↑	6.2	52
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	6	25.3	13.2	↑	18.8	22
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	16	22	4.5	6.3	↓	3.2	92
Education							
High school graduation	171	140	96.6%	92.7%	↓	91.3%	71
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
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

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d 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	15,170
	2020	15,154
Child population under 18	2016	3,554
	2020	3,466
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.4%
	2020	23%
Child population under 6	2016	1,078
	2020	1,059
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.1%
	2020	7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	268
	2020	300
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.5%
	2020	8.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	71
	2020	94
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	6.6%
	2020	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	33.5%
	2016-2020	18.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	66.4%
	2016-2020	75%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.2%
	2020	20.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	23.2%
	2016-2020	16.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.4%
	2016-2020	22.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	44.3%
	2016-2020	40%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	29.1%
	2020	23.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$50,625
	2016-2020	\$60,470
Adult unemployment	2016	4.8%
	2020	4.8%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	62.7
	2021	59.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	62.8%
	2021	68.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.7%
	2020	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	20.6
	2016-2020	20.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.03%
	2016-2020	7.75%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	12.5
	2020	13.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.7%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.2
	2020	8.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.5
	2016-2020	8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32.7
	2016-2020	24.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.1
	2016-2020	17.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	99.7
	2016-2020	33.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	24.7
	2015-2019	4.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	58.9
	2015-2019	65.6
Uninsured children	2015	8.8%
	2019	9.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.5%

^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).