

Ozark County

County Seat: Gainesville

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	667	528	38.8%	32.6%	↑	15.5%	112
Food insecurity for children ^b	460	530	24.8%	29.2%	↓	15.1%	114
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	47	38	10.8%	9.7%	↑	8.7%	104
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	13	4	7.1	2.4	↑	7.1	7
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	5	1	2.7	0.6	↑	6.2	6
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	8	42.9	36	↑	18.8	99
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	14	6	8	3.6	↑	3.2	50
Education							
High school graduation	121	107	98.4%	94.7%	↓	91.3%	42
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.

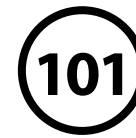
^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^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	9,237
	2020	9,138
Child population under 18	2016	1,756
	2020	1,660
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	19%
	2020	18.3%
Child population under 6	2016	499
	2020	474
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	5.4%
	2020	5.2%
Minority child population under 18	2016	101
	2020	90
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5.8%
	2020	5.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	35
	2020	27
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7%
	2020	5.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31.8%
	2016-2020	13.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68.2%
	2016-2020	75.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.1%
	2020	32.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	41.3%
	2016-2020	29.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	29.4%
	2016-2020	23.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	56.1%
	2016-2020	59.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	45.7%
	2020	43.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$38,203
	2016-2020	\$36,447
Adult unemployment	2016	7.3%
	2020	7.2%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	14.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	22.8
	2021	31.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.5%
	2020	95.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	38.7
	2016-2020	0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.43%
	2016-2020	2.77%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	15.4
	2020	4.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.4%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4
	2020	5.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.6
	2016-2020	5.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	12.8
	2016-2020	50.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	15.7
	2016-2020	38.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	49.9
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	9.6
	2015-2019	19.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	40.5
	2015-2019	49.9
Uninsured children	2015	10.3%
	2019	10%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95.1%
	2020	95.7%

^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).