

Callaway County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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County Seat: Fulton

Population: 44,638

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,627	1,269	18.1%	14.3%	↑	16.5%	22
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,680	1,380	17.4%	14.5%	↑	15.4%	24
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	226	172	8.9%	7.2%	↑	8.8%	33
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	92	49	9.6	5.3	↑	5.0	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	77	48	8.1	5.2	↑	3.6	109
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	30	21	18.4	13.8	↑	17.0	25
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	64	64	6.8	6.9	↓	3.0	94
Education							
High school graduation	350	340	89.5%	90.7%	↑	90.8%	80
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	123	—	37.0		41.4%	81
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	160	—	40.4		44.9%	70
4th grade math (MAP)	—	113	—	34.0		36.8%	76
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	115	—	29.0		26.8%	65

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	45,032
	2020	44,638
Child population under 18	2017	9,458
	2021	9,271
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.0%
	2021	20.8%
Child population under 6	2017	2,996
	2021	2,910
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.7%
	2021	6.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	988
	2021	1,284
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	10.4%
	2021	13.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	379
	2021	456
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	12.7%
	2021	15.7%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	32.3%
	2017-2021	18.8%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.8%
	2017-2021	68.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	22.8%
	2021	17.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	16.4%
	2017-2021	13.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.3%
	2017-2021	22.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	30.9%
	2017-2021	31.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	31.0%
	2021	24.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$63,537
	2017-2021	\$73,133
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%
	2021	3.4%
Child homelessness	2017	1.4%
	2021	0.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	96.3
	2022	85.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	4.0%
	2022	4.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8
	2021	94.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	36.0
	2017-2021	38.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.3%
	2017-2021	12.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	44.8
	2021	45.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.7%
	2021	3.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	8.9
	2021	8.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	8.3
	2017-2021	4.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	27.0
	2017-2021	34.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	25.7
	2017-2021	25.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	32.2
	2017-2021	71.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	60.0%
	2017-2021	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	30.4*
	2016-2020	19.6*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	113.1
	2016-2020	168.9
Uninsured children	2016	5.0%
	2020	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.4%
	2021	92.5%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).