

Camden County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Camdenton

Population: 43,436

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,876	1,476	23.8%	20.6%	↑	16.5%	58
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,770	1,600	21.5%	19.5%	↑	15.4%	83
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	114	141	5.7%	7.5%	↓	8.8%	45
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	42	28	5.1	3.8	↑	5.0	37
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	41	16	5.0	2.1	↑	3.6	53
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	28	16	25.7	14.7	↑	17.0	33
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	51	34	6.2	4.6	↑	3.0	66
Education							
High school graduation	371	377	93.0%	89.3%	↓	90.8%	95
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	124	—	36.7		41.4%	85
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	176	—	43.3		44.9%	57
4th grade math (MAP)	—	114	—	33.7		36.8%	79
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	149	—	40.9		26.8%	20

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	45,632
	2020	43,436
Child population under 18	2017	8,235
	2021	7,456
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	18.0%
	2021	17.2%
Child population under 6	2017	2,567
	2021	2,180
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	5.6%
	2021	5.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	863
	2021	946
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	10.5%
	2021	12.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	260
	2021	305
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	10.1%
	2021	14.0%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.2%
	2017-2021	13.7%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	73.6%
	2017-2021	69.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	12.9%
	2021	23.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	23.3%
	2017-2021	19.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	26.8%
	2017-2021	25.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	43.3%
	2017-2021	31.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	35.4%
	2021	28.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$56,456
	2017-2021	\$67,656
Adult unemployment	2017	4.8%
	2021	5.0%
Child homelessness	2017	13.4%
	2021	4.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	89.0
	2022	72.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	2.7%
	2022	14.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.6
	2021	90.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	48.5
	2017-2021	8.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	7.2%
	2017-2021	7.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	17.0
	2021	15.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.4%
	2021	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	4.1
	2021	3.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.0
	2017-2021	6.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	29.2
	2017-2021	31.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.0
	2017-2021	35.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	12.8
	2017-2021	13.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	25.0%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	31.3*
	2016-2020	25.5*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	94.0
	2016-2020	154.0
Uninsured children	2016	7.4%
	2020	7.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
	2021	87.4%

^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).