

# Gasconade County

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County Seat: Hermann

Population: 14,791

| Outcome Measures   | Number |      | Rate  |       | Trend | Rank       |             |
|--|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
|  | 2017   | 2021 | 2017  | 2021  |       | State Rate | County Rank |
| <b>Economic Well-Being</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Children under 18 in poverty   | 488    | 488  | 16.4% | 16.1% | ↑     | 16.5%      | 31          |
| Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>  | 590    | 420  | 18.6% | 13.8% | ↑     | 15.4%      | 19          |
| <b>Health</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>  | 57     | 60   | 7.3%  | 7.9%  | ↓     | 8.8%       | 60          |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup> | 19     | 13   | 6.1   | 4.2   | ↑     | 5.0        | 49          |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>   | 12     | 2    | 3.9   | 0.6   | ↑     | 3.6        | 12          |
| <b>Family &amp; Community</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)  | 13     | 9    | 31.0  | 22.7  | ↑     | 17.0       | 65          |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>                           | 12     | 4    | 3.9   | 1.3   | ↑     | 3.0        | 5           |
| <b>Education</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| High school graduation   | 208    | 193  | 95.4% | 89.8% | ↓     | 90.8%      | 89          |
| Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)  | —      | 66   | —     | 41.0  |       | 41.4%      | 55          |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP)  | —      | 92   | —     | 46.0  |       | 44.9%      | 44          |
| 4th grade math (MAP)   | —      | 64   | —     | 39.8  |       | 36.8%      | 51          |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam)   | —      | 86   | —     | 43.0  |       | 26.8%      | 15          |

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<sup>d</sup> 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  |           |          | Education   |           |        |
|---|-----------|----------|---|-----------|--------|
| Total population  | 2017      | 14,726   | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)  | 2017      | 64.9   |
|   | 2020      | 14,791   |   | 2022      | 69.0   |
| Child population under 18   | 2017      | 3,052    | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity                        | 2017      | 0.0%   |
|   | 2021      | 3,086    |   | 2022      | %      |
| Children under 18 as % of total population                                      | 2017      | 20.7%    | School attendance, grades K-12  | 2017      | 95.5   |
|   | 2021      | 20.9%    |   | 2021      | 94.2   |
| Child population under 6  | 2017      | 911      | Family & Community  |           |        |
|   | 2021      | 940      | Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)                      | 2012-2016 | 114.4  |
| Children under 6 as % of total population                                       | 2017      | 6.2%     |   | 2017-2021 | 46.5   |
|   | 2021      | 6.4%     | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18                          | 2012-2016 | 9.6%   |
| Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>                                 | 2017      | 147      |   | 2017-2021 | 9.3%   |
|   | 2021      | 243      | Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)                        | 2017      | 16.3   |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>        | 2017      | 4.8%     |   | 2021      | 9.5    |
|   | 2021      | 7.9%     | Annual high school dropout rate   | 2017      | 0.7%   |
| Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>                                  | 2017      | 47       |   | 2021      | 2.0%   |
|   | 2021      | 77       | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)                         | 2017      | 1.3    |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup> | 2017      | 5.2%     |   | 2021      | 8.1    |
|   | 2021      | 8.2%     | Health  |           |        |
| Children in single-parent families  | 2012-2016 | 25.8%    | Infant mortality (per 1,000)  | 2012-2016 | 1.3    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 24.0%    |   | 2017-2021 | 2.6    |
| Children in married-parent families   | 2012-2016 | 73.0%    | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)  | 2012-2016 | 25.2   |
|   | 2017-2021 | 74.4%    |   | 2017-2021 | 61.1   |
| Economic Well-being   |           |          | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)  | 2012-2016 | 7.7    |
| Children in poverty under 6   | 2017      | 21.7%    |   | 2017-2021 | 59.2   |
|   | 2021      | 22.6%    | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)   | 2012-2016 | 102.0  |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17  | 2012-2016 | 15.1%    |   | 2017-2021 | 69.0   |
|   | 2017-2021 | 15.3%    | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>           | 2012-2016 | 50.0%  |
| Housing cost-burdened households  | 2012-2016 | 21.1%    |   | 2017-2021 | —%     |
|   | 2017-2021 | 16.8%    | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>           | 2011-2015 | 17.2** |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level               | 2012-2016 | 31.3%    |   | 2016-2020 | 24.8** |
|   | 2017-2021 | 24.3%    | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2011-2015 | 128.9  |
| Children in families receiving SNAP   | 2017      | 28.8%    |   | 2016-2020 | 176.7  |
|   | 2021      | 22.3%    | Uninsured children  | 2016      | 6.3%   |
| Median income family household with children under 18                           | 2012-2016 | \$59,818 |   | 2020      | 8.4%   |
|   | 2017-2021 | \$71,010 | School attendance, grades 9-12  | 2017      | 95.3%  |
| Adult unemployment  | 2017      | 3.9%     |   | 2021      | 93.6%  |
|   | 2021      | 3.6%     |   |           |        |
| Child homelessness  | 2017      | 3.8%     |   |           |        |
|   | 2021      | 2.3%     |   |           |        |

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

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).