

Gentry County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Albany

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	318	315	19.4%	19.8%	↓	16.5%	46
Food insecurity for children ^b	290	240	17.8%	14.6%	↑	15.4%	27
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	33	23	6.9%	5.6%	↑	8.8%	7
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	16	14	9.7	8.6	↑	5.0	109
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	4	5	2.4	3.1	↓	3.6	83
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	3	18.8	16.6	↑	17.0	42
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	7	5	4.2	3.1	↑	3.0	38
Education							
High school graduation	72	55	100.0%	98.2%	↓	90.8%	7
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	47	—	53.4		41.4%	14
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	36	—	50.7		44.9%	19
4th grade math (MAP)	—	35	—	39.8		36.8%	50
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	28	—	39.4		26.8%	25

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			Education		
Total population	2017	6,665	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	123.0
	2020	6,173		2022	95.4
Child population under 18	2017	1,666	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	31.2%
	2021	1,625		2022	43.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	25.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.4
	2021	26.3%		2021	96.0
Child population under 6	2017	579	Family & Community		
	2021	530	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.7%		2017-2021	54.9
	2021	8.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	8.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	95		2017-2021	10.5%
	2021	128	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	14.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	5.7%		2021	6.9
	2021	7.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	34		2021	0.0%
	2021	33	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	9.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	5.9%		2021	13.5
	2021	6.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	20.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.2
	2017-2021	13.5%		2017-2021	12.1
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	79.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	12.2
	2017-2021	79.1%		2017-2021	51.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	14.7
Children in poverty under 6	2017	25.4%		2017-2021	46.7
	2021	22.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	19.2%		2017-2021	77.5
	2017-2021	18.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	18.3%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	22.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	41.8%		2016-2020	0**
	2017-2021	41.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	74.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	25.5%		2016-2020	86.1
	2021	20.5%	Uninsured children	2016	8.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$52,196		2020	11.4%
	2017-2021	\$60,083	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.3%
Adult unemployment	2017	2.9%		2021	94.0%
	2021	2.7%	Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
2021	0.4%	2021		0.4%	

^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).