

Macon County

County Seat: Macon

County
Composite
Rank

85

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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	720	704	20.7%	20.5%	↑	16.5%	56
Food insecurity for children ^b	790	590	21.6%	16.2%	↑	15.4%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	51	84	5.9%	9.5%	↓	8.8%	97
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	23	12	6.5	3.4	↑	5.0	24
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	13	8	3.7	2.3	↑	3.6	57
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	17	9	37.9	18.1	↑	17.0	46
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	29	14	8.2	4.0	↑	3.0	55
Education							
High school graduation	158	158	88.3%	95.2%	↑	90.8%	38
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	60	—	44.4		41.4%	44
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	89	—	50.0		44.9%	22
4th grade math (MAP)	—	59	—	43.7		36.8%	31
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	41	—	29.1		26.8%	64

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	15,251
	2020	15,183
Child population under 18	2017	3,551
	2021	3,522
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.3%
	2021	23.2%
Child population under 6	2017	1,075
	2021	1,066
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.0%
	2021	7.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	271
	2021	332
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.6%
	2021	9.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	82
	2021	102
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.6%
	2021	9.6%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	31.0%
	2017-2021	15.4%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.7%
	2017-2021	79.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.1%
	2021	21.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	18.6%
	2017-2021	18.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.3%
	2017-2021	23.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	46.0%
	2017-2021	38.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	28.8%
	2021	21.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$54,844
	2017-2021	\$62,962
Adult unemployment	2017	3.7%
	2021	3.7%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	0.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	63.1
	2022	41.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	59.8%
	2022	96.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.5
	2021	94.9

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	65.7
	2017-2021	39.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	12.6%
	2017-2021	10.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	35.9
	2021	13.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.3%
	2021	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	13.2
	2021	9.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.8
	2017-2021	6.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	10.9
	2017-2021	29.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	22.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	66.0
	2017-2021	58.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	30*
	2016-2020	5.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	65.6
	2016-2020	99.3
Uninsured children	2016	6.7%
	2020	7.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.6%
	2021	93.3%

^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).