

# Ozark County

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Composite  
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County Seat: Gainesville

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	605	558	35.4%	33.5%	↑	16.5%	114
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	450	530	24.5%	28.9%	↓	15.4%	114
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	37	43	8.4%	11.2%	↓	8.8%	109
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	7	7	4.0	4.1	↓	5.0	45
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	4	2	2.3	1.2	↑	3.6	28
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	4	44.7	17.2	↑	17.0	45
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	10	15	5.7	8.8	↓	3.0	105
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	99	108	95.2%	97.3%	↑	90.8%	14
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	40	—	40.0		41.4%	61
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	49	—	40.5		44.9%	68
4th grade math (MAP)	—	35	—	35.0		36.8%	65
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	49	—	40.2		26.8%	23

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

Total population	2017	9,186
	2020	8,782
Child population under 18	2017	1,754
	2021	1,708
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	19.1%
	2021	19.5%
Child population under 6	2017	500
	2021	472
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	5.4%
	2021	5.4%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	92
	2021	127
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	5.2%
	2021	7.4%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	30
	2021	35
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	6.0%
	2021	7.4%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	24.5%
	2017-2021	18.3%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	75.5%
	2017-2021	73.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	33.9%
	2021	25.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	31.2%
	2017-2021	31.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.2%
	2017-2021	24.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	55.7%
	2017-2021	52.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	43.6%
	2021	42.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$40,977
	2017-2021	\$49,803
Adult unemployment	2017	5.9%
	2021	5.5%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	1.4%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	39.9
	2022	29.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	95.6

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.2
	2017-2021	41.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	12.9%
	2017-2021	5.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	16.2
	2021	5.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.3%
	2021	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.7
	2021	14.6

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.8
	2017-2021	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	22.0
	2017-2021	48.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.8
	2017-2021	45.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	60.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	100.0%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	9.8**
	2016-2020	22.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	49.9
	2016-2020	64.7
Uninsured children	2016	7.8%
	2020	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.1%
	2021	94.9%

<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).