

Callaway County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Fulton

Population: 44,762

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,567	1,308	17.5%	14.9%	↑	16.8%	23
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,660	1,000	17.3%	10.5%	↑	12.8%	27
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	202	182	8.2%	7.6%	↑	8.9%	37
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	81	47	8.6	5.1	↑	6.3	53
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	82	35	8.7	3.8	↑	5.1	78
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	36	17	22.7	11.9	↑	16.8	21
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	87	36	9.3	3.9	↑	2.7	66
Education							
High school graduation	351	336	90.2%	89.1%	↓	91.2%	99
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	181	137	51.4	39.1		41.0%	61
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	148	137	39.6	32.6		41.9%	96
4th grade math (MAP)	183	132	45.6	37.7		43.0%	87
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	163	137	45.2	32.5		41.2%	78

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	44,840	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	95.1
	2021	44,762		2023	97.4
Child population under 18	2018	9,401	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	4.0%
	2022	9,146		2023	4.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.4
	2022	20.4%		2022	92.5
Child population under 6	2018	2,952	Family & Community		
	2022	2,910	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	36.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.6%		2018-2022	77.6
	2022	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,048		2018-2022	13.2%
	2022	1,338	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	32.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	11.1%		2022	44.4
	2022	14.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	390		2022	2.2%
	2022	479	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	13.2%		2022	4.8
	2022	16.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	32.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.5
	2018-2022	19.0%		2018-2022	4.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	27.2
	2018-2022	68.9%		2018-2022	41.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	19.2%		2018-2022	25.6
	2022	7.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	32.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	15.1%		2018-2022	108.1
	2022	14.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	60.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.3%		2018-2022	66.7%
	2018-2022	21.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	37.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	30.9%		2017-2021	20.1*
	2018-2022	27.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	126.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	29.2%		2017-2021	184.4
	2022	23.9%	Uninsured children	2017	5.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$63,537		2021	6.1%
	2018-2022	\$\$81,706	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.9%		2022	90.5%
	2022	2.3%	^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 occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	1.1%			
	2022	1.2%			