

Christian County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Ozark

Population: 93,114

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,484	2,239	11.5%	9.8%	↑	16.8%	5
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,330	1,890	15.4%	8.4%	↑	12.8%	8
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	321	335	6.3%	6.4%	↓	8.9%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	100	92	4.6	3.9	↑	6.3	23
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	35	18	1.6	0.8	↑	5.1	9
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	44	32	16.0	10.8	↑	16.8	17
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	59	22	2.7	0.9	↑	2.7	3
Education							
High school graduation	1,001	1,029	94.2%	94.1%	↓	91.2%	54
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	685	656	60.0	55.4		41.0%	8
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	615	643	54.5	53.8		41.9%	4
4th grade math (MAP)	661	752	58.2	65.5		43.0%	5
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	717	736	64.9	58.5		41.2%	4

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	84,275	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	71.9
	2021	93,114		2023	71.7
Child population under 18	2018	21,985	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	7.6%
	2022	23,362		2023	4.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	25.1%		2022	93.9
Child population under 6	2018	6,678	Family & Community		
	2022	6,864	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%		2018-2022	58.6
	2022	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,774		2018-2022	9.8%
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	8.1%	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	27.8
	2022	11.9%		2022	31.0
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	578	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.9%
	2022	936		2022	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.7%	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.6
	2022	13.6%		2022	3.4
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	25.8%	Health		
	2018-2022	14.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	73.1%		2018-2022	5.4
	2018-2022	77.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	5.3%		2018-2022	26.9
	2022	6.3%	Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	14.7
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	10.6%		2018-2022	15.5
	2022	9.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	26.1
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.1%		2018-2022	74.9
	2018-2022	21.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	30.4%		2018-2022	33.3%
	2018-2022	23.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	20.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	20.6%		2017-2021	18.2
	2022	16.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	72.8
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$63,288		Uninsured children	2017
	2018-2022	\$\$92,755	2021		6.8%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.6%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.1%
	2022	2.0%		2022	93.5%
Child homelessness	2018	1.4%	^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 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).		
	2022	0.6%			