

Ozark County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Gainesville

Population: 8,940

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	548	527	33.2%	31.4%	↑	16.8%	105
Food insecurity for children ^b	460	330	25.2%	19.9%	↑	12.8%	105
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	41	36	9.6%	9.9%	↓	8.9%	104
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	4	4	2.3	2.3	↓	6.3	7
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1	2	0.6	1.2	↓	5.1	15
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	7	21.9	29.0	↓	16.8	86
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	22	6	13.0	3.5	↑	2.7	52
Education							
High school graduation	110	110	96.5%	96.5%	→	91.2%	23
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	57	32	49.6	30.8		41.0%	102
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	59	56	48.0	54.4		41.9%	3
4th grade math (MAP)	63	47	57.3	43.5		43.0%	50
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	28	61	25.7	51.3		41.2%	8

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	9,236	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	46.7
	2021	8,940		2023	29.1
Child population under 18	2018	1,693	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	1,721		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	19.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.8
	2022	19.3%		2022	94.5
Child population under 6	2018	458	Family & Community		
	2022	474	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	5.1%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	5.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	5.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	90		2018-2022	5.9%
	2022	157	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	10.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	5.3%		2022	9.0
	2022	9.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	24		2022	0.2%
	2022	46	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	5.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	5.2%		2022	7.6
	2022	9.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	24.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.0
	2018-2022	19.5%		2018-2022	5.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	75.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	43.9
	2018-2022	72.8%		2018-2022	36.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	41.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	40.7%		2018-2022	46.0
	2022	22.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	55.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	30.2%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	28.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	23.2%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	24.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	10.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	55.7%		2017-2021	11.1**
	2018-2022	51.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	44.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	47.1%		2017-2021	56.5
	2022	42.2%	Uninsured children	2017	7.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$40,977		2021	8.7%
	2018-2022	\$\$55,813	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	5.2%		2022	94.0%
	2022	3.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	1.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	3.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		