

Taney County

County
Composite
Rank

42 ²⁰²⁰

61 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Forsyth

Population: 56,821

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,645	2,143	23.0%	18.9%	↑	16.8%	45
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,440	1,910	21.1%	16.1%	↑	12.8%	84
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	264	258	8.3%	8.5%	↓	8.9%	75
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	47	47	4.0	4.0	↓	6.3	24
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	56	30	4.8	2.6	↑	5.1	48
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	46	35	25.8	18.0	↑	16.8	49
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	75	57	6.4	4.9	↑	2.7	77
Education							
High school graduation	570	554	95.0%	94.1%	↓	91.2%	54
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	301	278	49.5	51.1		41.0%	11
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	334	279	55.7	44.6		41.9%	30
4th grade math (MAP)	306	291	48.1	52.0		43.0%	21
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	299	240	47.3	45.8		41.2%	21

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	54,720	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	48.6
	2021	56,821		2023	39.7
Child population under 18	2018	11,774	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	40.9%
	2022	11,623		2023	42.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.5
	2022	20.5%		2022	92.6
Child population under 6	2018	3,821	Family & Community		
	2022	3,561	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	56.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.8%		2018-2022	55.0
	2022	6.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,895		2018-2022	9.0%
	2022	2,313	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	23.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	16.1%		2022	27.9
	2022	19.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	711		2022	1.4%
	2022	774	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	9.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	18.6%		2022	10.6
	2022	21.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	33.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.9
	2018-2022	23.1%		2018-2022	6.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	20.8
	2018-2022	70.5%		2018-2022	25.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	33.2%		2018-2022	13.5
	2022	13.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	38.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	21.8%		2018-2022	74.4
	2022	17.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	25.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	31.6%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	27.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	32.3
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	52.9%		2017-2021	31.2
	2018-2022	38.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	86.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	38.7%		2017-2021	108.5
	2022	32.7%	Uninsured children	2017	6.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$45,529		2021	5.8%
	2018	5.2%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.0%
2022	4.0%	2022		91.8%	
Adult unemployment	2018	13.1%	^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	7.2%			
Child homelessness	2018	13.1%			
	2022	7.2%			