# Christian County

## County Seat: Ozark

Population: 94,422

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2019 | 2023 | 2019 | 2023 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| **Economic Well-Being** | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 2,783 | 2,105 | 12.8% | 9.1% | ⬆ | 14.7% | 5 |
| Food insecurity for children [a] | 2,630 | 2,880 | 12.1% | 12.8% | ⬇ | 18.7% | 5 |
| **Health** | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants [b] | 271 | 333 | 6.5% | 6.4% | ⬆ | 8.9% | 16 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b] | 107 | 114 | 4.8 | 4.8 | ⬇ | 7.1 | 25 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a] | 36 | 23 | 1.6 | 1.0 | ⬆ | 5.5 | 11 |
| **Family & Community** | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 43 | 45 | 15.7 | 14.6 | ⬆ | 15.9 | 39 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) | 48 | 23 | 2.2 | 1.0 | ⬆ | 2.9 | 8 |
| **Education** | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 1,042 | 1,123 | 95.9% | 94.2% | ⬇ | 91.3% | 62 |
| Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 721 | 685 | 59.6% | 57.5% | ⬇ | 42.2% | 3 |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP) | 684 | 678 | 57.3% | 54.9% | ⬇ | 42.3% | 6 |
| 4th grade math (MAP) | 712 | 764 | 60.5% | 63.7% | ⬆ | 43.7% | 3 |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam) | 689 | 804 | 62.2% | 59.5% | ⬇ | 40.1% | 4 |

[a] Data based on 2018 and 2022.
[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

**Trend:** ⬆ better  ⬇ worse  ➔ no change

**Missouri KIDS COUNT 2025**

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### Contextual Indicators

#### Demographics

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total population | 2019 | 88,595 |
| | 2022 | 94,422 |
| Child population under 18 | 2019 | 22,230 |
| | 2023 | 23,620 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2019 | 25.1% |
| | 2023 | 25.0% |
| Child population under 6 | 2019 | 6,717 |
| | 2023 | 6,872 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2019 | 7.6% |
| | 2023 | 7.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 [a] | 2019 | 1,799 |
| | 2023 | 2,913 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a] | 2019 | 8.1% |
| | 2023 | 12.3% |
| Minority child population under 6 [a] | 2019 | 590 |
| | 2023 | 947 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a] | 2019 | 8.8% |
| | 2023 | 13.8% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2013-2018 | 24.3% |
| | 2019-2023 | 15.2% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2013-2018 | 74.4% |
| | 2019-2023 | 78.5% |

#### Economic Well-being

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|---|---|---|
| Children under 6 in families in poverty | 2019 | 18.8% |
| | 2023 | 10.3% |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty | 2019 | 11.5% |
| | 2023 | 8.3% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2013-2018 | 25.8% |
| | 2019-2023 | 21.6% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2013-2018 | 30.4% |
| | 2019-2023 | 21.8% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2019 | 18.7% |
| | 2023 | 16.6% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | $64,715 |
| | 2019-2023 | $98,785 |
| Adult unemployment | 2019 | 2.7% |
| | 2023 | 2.5% |
| Child homelessness | 2019 | 1.6% |
| | 2023 | 1.0% |

#### Education

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|---|---|---|
| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2019 | 71.9 |
| | 2024 | 52.8 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2019 | 7.6% |
| | 2024 | 8.0% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2019 | 95.1 |
| | 2023 | 93.6 |

#### Family & Community

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|---|---|---|
| Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 64.3 |
| | 2019-2023 | 56.5 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | 8.2% |
| | 2019-2023 | 9.3% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2019 | 28.4 |
| | 2023 | 24.9 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2019 | 1.1% |
| | 2023 | 0.9% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2019 | 3.1 |
| | 2023 | 2.5 |

#### Health

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|---|---|---|
| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2013-2018 | 5.4 |
| | 2019-2023 | 4.8 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 15.7 |
| | 2019-2023 | 28.3 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 9.7 |
| | 2019-2023 | 16.4 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 36.1 |
| | 2019-2023 | 78.6 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b] | 2013-2018 | % |
| | 2019-2023 | 33.3% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c] | 2012-2017 | 21.5 |
| | 2018-2022 | 17.9 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2012-2017 | 71.5 |
| | 2018-2022 | 9.5 |
| Uninsured children | 2018 | 5.3% |
| | 2022 | 6.0% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2019 | 94.9% |
| | 2023 | 93.6% |

[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).