

Macon County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	624	569	18.4%	16.6%	↑	14.7%	44
Food insecurity for children ^a	640	570	17.7%	16.1%	↑	18.7%	28
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	63	66	8.8%	7.6%	↑	8.9%	44
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	25	21	7.2	6.0	↑	7.1	57
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	18	9	5.2	2.6	↑	5.5	50
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	10	22.6	19.5	↑	15.9	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	39	20	11.2	5.7	↑	2.9	84
Education							
High school graduation	161	156	95.8%	96.1%	↑	91.3%	37
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	84	61	58.3%	41.2%	↓	42.2%	63
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	78	48	43.1%	32.4%	↓	42.3%	93
4th grade math (MAP)	92	75	61.7%	51.4%	↓	43.7%	19
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	77	73	39.7%	37.1%	↓	40.1%	60

^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

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	15,117	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	67.4
	2022	15,161		2024	66.3
Child population under 18	2019	3,480	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	68.3%
	2023	3,514		2024	67.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.5
	2023	23.2%		2023	94.1
Child population under 6	2019	1,064	Family & Community		
	2023	1,037	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.0%		2019-2023	76.5
	2023	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	304		2019-2023	9.3%
	2023	327	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	22.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	8.7%		2023	17.1
	2023	9.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	102		2023	1.6%
	2023	101	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	13.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	9.6%		2023	4.3
	2023	9.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	33.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	10.2
	2019-2023	12.8%		2019-2023	3.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	66.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	11.1
	2019-2023	81.1%		2019-2023	23.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	11.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.7%		2019-2023	7.6
	2023	11.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	15.4%		2019-2023	84.5
	2023	15.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	22.9%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	22.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	13.4**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	49.5%		2018-2022	5.4**
	2019-2023	27.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	58.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	25.2%		2018-2022	10.8
	2023	19.8%	Uninsured children	2018	8.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$54,571		2022	6.7%
	2019-2023	\$75,417	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.4%		2023	93.4%
	2023	3.3%			
Child homelessness	2019	0.3%			
	2023	0.4%			

^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).