

# Ozark County

County Seat: Gainesville

Population: 8,970

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	626	517	36.5%	30.9%	↑	14.7%	112
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	470	430	25.9%	25.5%	↑	18.7%	107
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>b</sup>	29	34	8.8%	9.2%	↓	8.9%	91
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	6	2	3.4	1.2	↑	7.1	1
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	1	2	0.6	1.2	↓	5.5	14
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	8	12.9	31.0	↓	15.9	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	4	10	2.3	5.8	↓	2.9	86
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	91	119	98.9%	97.0%	↓	91.3%	25
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	50	41	49.5%	46.1%	↓	42.2%	28
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	56	54	47.5%	47.0%	↓	42.3%	18
4th grade math (MAP)	59	40	52.7%	35.4%	↓	43.7%	91
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	43	54	32.1%	43.5%	↑	40.1%	28

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2018 and 2022.

<sup>b</sup> 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	9,174	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	46.7
	2022	8,970		2024	29.2
Child population under 18	2019	1,758	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	1,715		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	19.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.8
	2023	19.1%		2023	94.3
Child population under 6	2019	511	Family & Community		
	2023	464	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	5.6%		2019-2023	0.0
	2023	5.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	5.5%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2019	114		2019-2023	7.0%
	2023	157	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	12.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	6.5%		2023	10.1
	2023	9.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2019	38		2023	0.4%
	2023	34	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	13.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	7.4%		2023	8.2
	2023	7.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	27.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.7
	2019-2023	13.5%		2019-2023	5.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	68.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	55.1
	2019-2023	78.5%		2019-2023	24.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	47.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	23.2%		2019-2023	31.4
	2023	23.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	56.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	34.1%		2019-2023	0.0
	2023	28.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2018	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	28.3%		2019-2023	0.0%
	2019-2023	21.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2017	18.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	60.4%		2018-2022	11.1**
	2019-2023	48.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	46.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	41.6%		2018-2022	5.6
	2023	41.9%	Uninsured children	2018	8.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$34,716		2022	7.4%
	2019-2023	\$65,893	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	95.9%
Adult unemployment	2019	5.8%		2023	93.8%
	2023	4.7%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.1%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.3%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		