

Callaway County

County Seat: Fulton

Population: 45,126

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,280	1,345	14.4%	15.1%	↓	15.3%	32
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,320	1,540	13.9%	16.6%	↓	18.1%	31
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	171	192	7.1%	8.4%	↓	8.9%	72
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	58	39	6.2	4.2	↑	5.4	87
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	20	19.0	14.1	↑	15.9	29
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	77	40	8.3	4.3	↑	2.9	75
Education							
High school graduation	344	319	91.0%	86.9%	↓	92.1%	111
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	221	106	59.6%	31.8%	↓	41.6%	100
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	204	129	53.1%	35.4%	↓	42.1%	73
4th grade math (MAP)	191	125	52.6%	33.5%	↓	44.5%	98
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	236	149	61.8%	39.1%	↓	41.5%	48

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^a Data based on 2019 and 2023.

^b "Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	44,944	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	85.5
	2023	45,126		2025	101.3
Child population under 18	2020	9,301	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	4.5%
	2024	9,265		2025	3.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	20.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.8
	2024	20.5%		2024	93.3
Child population under 6	2020	2,995	Family & Community		
	2024	2,965	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.7%		2020-2024	69.0
	2024	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,093		2020-2024	13.1%
	2024	1,528	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	37.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	11.8%		2024	54.2
	2024	16.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.8%
Minority child population under 6	2020	385		2024	1.5%
	2024	577	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	6.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	12.9%		2024	4.7
	2024	19.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	19.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.6
	2020-2024	17.4%		2020-2024	4.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	69.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	31.8
	2020-2024	69.1%		2020-2024	27.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	16.2%		2020-2024	11.2
	2024	16.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	58.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	13.7%		2020-2024	98.7
	2024	14.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	21.5%		2020-2024	66.7%
	2020-2024	21.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	17.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	30.4%		2019-2023	9.9*
	2020-2024	27.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	113.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	25.5%		2019-2023	186.2
	2024	23.9%	Uninsured children	2019	7.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$69,591		2023	4.7%
	2020-2024	\$89,261	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.5%		2024	92.2%
	2023	2.8%			
Child homelessness	2020	1.5%			
	2024	0.9%			

^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.

^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).