

Christian County

County Seat: Ozark

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,508	2,078	11.3%	9.0%	↑	15.3%	6
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,500	3,110	11.4%	13.5%	↓	18.1%	6
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	314	338	6.1%	6.6%	↓	8.9%	16
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	18	15	0.8	0.6	↑	5.4	10
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	39	41	13.9	12.9	↑	15.9	26
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	39	34	1.7	1.4	↑	2.9	16
Education							
High school graduation	1,076	1,121	94.6%	96.2%	↑	92.1%	34
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	789	705	69.8%	58.8%	↓	41.6%	1
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	838	680	71.7%	54.1%	↓	42.1%	7
4th grade math (MAP)	834	801	71.3%	66.5%	↓	44.5%	2
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	868	796	80.7%	62.1%	↓	41.5%	4

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

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

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

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	87,324	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	71.0
	2023	96,045		2025	55.3
Child population under 18	2020	22,738	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	7.4%
	2024	23,589		2025	7.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.8
	2024	24.6%		2024	94.0
Child population under 6	2020	6,872	Family & Community		
	2024	6,808	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	52.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.6%		2020-2024	55.1
	2024	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	2,000		2020-2024	9.0%
	2024	3,066	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	18.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.8%		2024	33.1
	2024	13.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	655		2024	0.5%
	2024	958	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	4.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	9.5%		2024	2.0
	2024	14.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	16.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.6
	2020-2024	15.0%		2020-2024	4.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	74.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.4
	2020-2024	74.6%		2020-2024	26.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	13.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	12.3%		2020-2024	14.3
	2024	6.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	36.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	10.6%		2020-2024	77.5
	2024	8.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	21.1%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	22.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	23.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	26.3%		2019-2023	8.1*
	2020-2024	21.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	75.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	18.3%		2019-2023	91.9
	2024	16.7%	Uninsured children	2019	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$80,015		2023	5.4%
	2020-2024	\$99,854	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.9%		2024	93.9%
	2023	2.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		