

Gentry County

County Seat: Albany

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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	291	318	18.0%	19.5%	↓	15.3%	67
Food insecurity for children ^a	230	270	14.3%	17.1%	↓	18.1%	35
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	21	18	4.9%	4.8%	↑	8.9%	3
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	8	5	4.9	3.0	↑	5.4	62
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	2	16.0	9.8	↑	15.9	19
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	5	8.5	3.0	↑	2.9	51
Education							
High school graduation	53	80	89.8%	100.0%	↑	92.1%	1
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	49	56	70.0%	53.8%	↓	41.6%	8
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	41	46	66.1%	57.5%	↓	42.1%	4
4th grade math (MAP)	44	44	57.1%	50.0%	↓	44.5%	31
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	61	29	56.5%	34.5%	↓	41.5%	70

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	6,576	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	94.1
	2023	6,298		2025	99.5
Child population under 18	2020	1,647	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	43.2%
	2024	1,658		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.4
	2024	26.3%		2024	95.2
Child population under 6	2020	573	Family & Community		
	2024	508	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	48.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	8.8%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	8.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2020	98		2020-2024	8.0%
	2024	121	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	10.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.0%		2024	9.3
	2024	7.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	23		2024	—%
	2024	35	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	4.0%		2024	195.4
	2024	6.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	15.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.4
	2020-2024	12.2%		2020-2024	5.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	76.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	51.2
	2020-2024	76.1%		2020-2024	25.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	37.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	10.3%		2020-2024	30.5
	2024	14.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	75.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	18.3%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	19.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.7%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	21.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	0.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	39.8%		2019-2023	11.7**
	2020-2024	35.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	74.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	20.5%		2019-2023	88.6
	2024	17.1%	Uninsured children	2019	9.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$54,963		2023	10.1%
	2020-2024	\$75,272	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	3.4%		2024	94.4%
	2023	2.6%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	—%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		