

# Ozark County

County Seat: Gainesville

Population: 9,090

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	528	523	32.6%	30.7%	↑	15.3%	110
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	530	410	29.2%	25.1%	↑	18.1%	105
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	38	37	9.7%	9.4%	↑	8.9%	93
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	1	1	0.6	0.6	↑	5.4	8
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	8	36.0	31.9	↑	15.9	99
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	6	5	3.6	2.9	↑	2.9	47
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	107	124	94.7%	97.6%	↑	92.1%	16
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	77	53	61.1%	52.0%	↓	41.6%	11
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	76	41	66.1%	41.8%	↓	42.1%	44
4th grade math (MAP)	61	51	53.0%	57.3%	↑	44.5%	10
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	99	50	75.6%	42.4%	↓	41.5%	35

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	9,138	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	31.3
	2023	9,090		2025	20.0
Child population under 18	2020	1,660	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	1,747		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	18.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.9
	2024	19.2%		2024	94.7
Child population under 6	2020	474	Family & Community		
	2024	494	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	5.2%		2020-2024	36.9
	2024	5.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	2.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	90		2020-2024	7.1%
	2024	180	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	4.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	5.4%		2024	10.2
	2024	10.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	27		2024	—%
	2024	41	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	5.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	5.7%		2024	0.6
	2024	8.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	13.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.1
	2020-2024	15.8%		2020-2024	2.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	75.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.3
	2020-2024	75.6%		2020-2024	48.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	38.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	32.5%		2020-2024	47.0
	2024	19.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	49.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	29.9%		2020-2024	52.4
	2024	28.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	23.7%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	20.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	19.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	59.5%		2019-2023	22**
	2020-2024	46.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	49.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	43.6%		2019-2023	53.9
	2024	43.3%	Uninsured children	2019	10.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$36,447		2023	7.7%
	2020-2024	\$66,442	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	95.7%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	7.2%		2024	94.1%
	2023	4.7%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	14.8%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	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).		