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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

ARKANSAS



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Children in poverty <small>US 11,583,000 AR 151,000</small>	17% 2019	16% 2022	↓ BETTER	22% 2019	22% 2022	= SAME
Children whose parents lack secure employment <small>US 18,635,000 AR 205,000</small>	26% 2019	26% 2022	= SAME	29% 2019	29% 2022	= SAME
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden <small>US 21,807,000 AR 171,000</small>	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME	22% 2019	25% 2022	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working <small>US 1,149,000 AR 18,000</small>	6% 2019	7% 2022	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	11% 2022	↑ WORSE

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EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school <small>US 4,328,000 AR 42,000</small>	52% 2013-17	54% 2018-22	↑ WORSE	52% 2013-17	57% 2018-22	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading <small>US N.A. AR N.A.</small>	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	69% 2019	70% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math <small>US N.A. AR N.A.</small>	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	73% 2019	81% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* <small>US N.A. AR N.A.</small>	14% 2018-19	14% 2020-21	= SAME	12% 2018-19	12% 2020-21	= SAME

N.A.: Not available *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.

HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Low birth-weight babies US 315,288 AR 3,296	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2022	↑ WORSE	9.2% 2019	9.3% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 3,932,000 AR 44,000	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	6% 2022	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,140 AR 325	25 2019	30 2022	↑ WORSE	35 2019	44 2022	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese** US N.A. AR N.A.	N.A. N.A.	33% 2021-22	N.A.	N.A. N.A.	37% 2021-22	N.A.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Children in single-parent families US 23,331,000 AR 228,000	34% 2019	34% 2022	= SAME	37% 2019	36% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,015,000 AR 70,000	12% 2019	11% 2022	↓ BETTER	11% 2019	10% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,682,000 AR 78,000	12% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER	14% 2013-17	11% 2018-22	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 143,789 AR 2,440	17 2019	14 2022	↓ BETTER	30 2019	25 2022	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available **Overweight or obese data are not comparable across time due to methodology changes.

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