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2022 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Children in poverty US 12,599,000 AR 152,000	21%	17%	↓ BETTER	27%	22%	↓ BETTER
	2008-12	2016-20		2008-12	2016-20	
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 19,745,000 AR 204,000	31%	27%	↓ BETTER	34%	29%	↓ BETTER
	2008-12	2016-20		2008-12	2016-20	
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,137,000 AR 163,000	39%	30%	↓ BETTER	31%	23%	↓ BETTER
	2008-12	2016-20		2008-12	2016-20	
Teens not in school and not working US 1,153,000 AR 15,000	8%	7%	↓ BETTER	11%	9%	↓ BETTER
	2008-12	2016-20		2008-12	2016-20	

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,295,000 AR 41,000	52%	53%	↑ WORSE	51%	52%	↑ WORSE
	2008-12	2016-20		2008-12	2016-20	
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A. AR N.A.	68%	66%	↓ BETTER	71%	69%	↓ BETTER
	2009	2019		2009	2019	
Eighth-graders not proficient in math US N.A. AR N.A.	67%	67%	= SAME	73%	73%	= SAME
	2009	2019		2009	2019	
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. AR N.A.	21%	14%	↓ BETTER	19%	12%	↓ BETTER
	2010-11	2018-19		2010-11	2018-19	

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Low birth-weight babies US 297,604 AR 3,388	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2020	↑ WORSE	8.8% 2010	9.6% 2020	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,017,000 AR 35,000	8% 2008-12	5% 2016-20	↓ BETTER	7% 2008-12	5% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,430 AR 300	26 2010	28 2020	↑ WORSE	34 2010	40 2020	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. AR N.A.	31% 2016-17	32% 2019-20	↑ WORSE	30% 2016-17	36% 2019-20	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Children in single-parent families US 23,629,000 AR 238,000	34% 2008-12	34% 2016-20	= SAME	37% 2008-12	36% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,949,000 AR 82,000	15% 2008-12	12% 2016-20	↓ BETTER	15% 2008-12	12% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 6,350,000 AR 79,000	13% 2008-12	9% 2016-20	↓ BETTER	17% 2008-12	11% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 158,043 AR 2,676	34 2010	15 2020	↓ BETTER	52 2010	28 2020	↓ BETTER

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