

OVERALL RANK

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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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| | UNITED STATES | | | ARKANSAS | | |
|--|---------------|-----|------------|----------|-----|------------|
| Children in poverty US 12,243,000 AR 155,000 | 17% | 17% | = SAME | 22% | 22% | = SAME |
| Children whose parents lack secure employment US 21,143,000 AR 210,000 | 26% | 29% | ↑ WORSE | 29% | 30% | ↑ WORSE |
| Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 21,857,000 AR 174,000 | 30% | 30% | = SAME | 22% | 25% | ↑ WORSE |
| Teens not in school and not working US 1,234,000 AR 16,000 | 6% | 7% | ↑ WORSE | 7% | 10% | ↑ WORSE |

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EDUCATION

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| | UNITED STATES | | | ARKANSAS | | |
|--|---------------|-----|------------|----------|-----|-------------|
| Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,380,000 AR 43,000 | 53% | 54% | ↑ WORSE | 52% | 56% | ↑ WORSE |
| Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A. AR N.A. | 66% | 68% | ↑ WORSE | 69% | 70% | ↑ WORSE |
| Eighth-graders not proficient in math US N.A. AR N.A. | 67% | 74% | ↑ WORSE | 73% | 81% | ↑ WORSE |
| High school students not graduating on time* US N.A. AR N.A. | 14% | 14% | = SAME | 12% | 11% | ↓ BETTER |

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 311,932 AR 3,422 | 8.3% 2019 | 8.5% 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 9.2% 2019 | 9.5% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children without health insurance US 4,165,000 AR 43,000 | 6% 2019 | 5% 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 6% 2019 | 6% 2021 | = SAME |
| Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,198 AR 290 | 25 2019 | 30 2021 | ↑ WORSE | 35 2019 | 39 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. AR N.A. | 31% 2018-19 | 33% 2020-21 | ↑ WORSE | 34% 2018-19 | 37% 2020-21 | ↑ WORSE |

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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| | UNITED STATES | | | ARKANSAS | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Children in single-parent families US 23,626,000 AR 245,000 | 34% 2019 | 34% 2021 | = SAME | 37% 2019 | 38% 2021 | ↑ WORSE |
| Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,269,000 AR 68,000 | 12% 2019 | 11% 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 11% 2019 | 10% 2021 | ↓ BETTER |
| Children living in high-poverty areas US 6,086,000 AR 79,000 | 13% 2012-16 | 8% 2017-21 | ↓ BETTER | 16% 2012-16 | 11% 2017-21 | ↓ BETTER |
| Teen births per 1,000 US 146,973 AR 2,609 | 17 2019 | 14 2021 | ↓ BETTER | 30 2019 | 27 2021 | ↓ BETTER |

N.A.: Not available

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