

ARKANSAS

OVERALL SCORE 427 WORSE	OVERALL RANK 43
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	536 BETTER	33

	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 AR 138,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	22% 2019	20% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 AR 176,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	29% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 AR 176,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	22% 2019	25% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 AR 13,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	7% 2024	STABLE

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	318 WORSE	40

	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 AR 44,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	50% 2015-19	59% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. AR N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	69% 2019	72% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. AR N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	73% 2019	80% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. AR N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	12% 2018-19	11% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		SCORE	RANK
						382 WORSE	48
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 AR 3,375	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	9.2% 2019	9.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 AR 57,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	6% 2019	8% 2024	↑ WORSE	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 AR 260	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	35 2019	35 2024	STABLE	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. AR N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	34% 2018-19	37% 2023-24	↑ WORSE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			ARKANSAS		SCORE	RANK
						472 BETTER	45
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 AR 233,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	37% 2019	36% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 AR 71,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	11% 2019	10% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 AR 70,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	10% 2015-19	10% 2020-24	STABLE	
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 AR 2,273	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	30 2019	22 2024	↓ BETTER	

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