

Number of Children (1994): 10,620

Children are 24.8% of the county population

Pittsburg County

County Seat: McAlester



County Location

Economic Cluster #5: Poorest

Indicator	Base Data	Improved	Worsened	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	7.0% of live births 1983-1987		-3.5%	7.2% of live births 1991-95	60
Infant Mortality	14.0/1000 live births 1983-87	33.2%		9.3/1000 live births 1991-95	52
Births to Teens	50.1/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83	23.9%		38.1/1000 girls 15-17 1993-95	39
Child Abuse	9.3 confirmed / 1000 children FY 1985		-2.0%	9.5 confirmed / 1000 children FY 1996	16
Child Deaths	34.5 per 100,000 children 1-14 1978-82		-5.1%	36.3 per 100,000 children 1-14 1991-95	45
Child Poverty	19.3% of all children 1980		-32.5%	25.5% of all children 1993	40
High School Dropouts	5.5% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year	18.4%		4.5% of grades 9-12 1995-96 School Year	41
Juvenile Arrests	182.1 per 100,000 youth 10-17 1980		-39.7%	254.4 per 100,000 youth 10-17 1996	57

60 | =best • 77 = worst

16 state change

40 county change

Rank

Legend

Number of Children (1994): 8,590

Children are 25.0% of the county population

Pontotoc County

County Seat: Ada



Economic Cluster #4: Poorer

Indicator	Base Data	Improved	Worsened	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	6.2% of live births 1983-1987	12.3%		5.4% of live births 1991-95	18
Infant Mortality	9.2/1000 live births 1983-87	13.5%		8.0/1000 live births 1991-95	40
Births to Teens	30.6/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83		-6.6%	32.6/1000 girls 15-17 1993-95	25
Child Abuse	10.4 confirmed / 1000 children FY 1985		-104.6%	21.3 confirmed / 1000 children FY 1996	64
Child Deaths	41.5 per 100,000 children 1-14 1978-82	57.3%		17.7 per 100,000 children 1-14 1991-95	9
Child Poverty	18.7% of all children 1980		-49.7%	27.9% of all children 1993	50
High School Dropouts	3.3% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year	6.7%		3.0% of grades 9-12 1995-96 School Year	19
Juvenile Arrests	129.1 per 100,000 youth 10-17 1980		-39.7%	180.4 per 100,000 youth 10-17 1996	41

Rank

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64 state change

19 county change



Changes of more than 110%—positive or negative—are graphed with a broken bar.