

County Benchmark Key

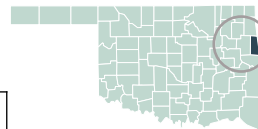
A Comprehensive Guide to Understanding Benchmark Data

The county is *ranked* on each indicator to allow you to compare this county with other counties. 1 is the best ranking; 77 is the worst ranking.

The *map* of Oklahoma has the location of the county highlighted.

The *county name* and *county seat* are along the top of each benchmark chart.

The *numbers and percentages of children* in the county are here.



Adair County County Seat: Stilwell

Indicator	Base Data	-	Worsened	Improved	+	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	5.7% of live births 1983-87	-1.5%				5.8% of live births 1992-96	16
Infant Mortality	10.5/1000 live births 1983-87				3.7%	10.1/1000 live births 1992-96	61
Births to Young Teens	56.3/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83	-15.4%				64.9/1000 girls 15-17 1994-96	76
Child Abuse & Neglect	11.2 confirmed/1000 children FY 1985	-180.0%				31.3 confirmed/1000 children FY 1997	73
Child Deaths	53.6/100,000 children 1-14 1978-83				41.7%	31.3/100,000 children 1-14 1992-96	34
Child Poverty	30.3% of all children 1980	-2.6%				31.1% of all children 1993 (revised)	55
High School Dropouts	6.8% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year				8.4%	6.2% of grades 9-12 1996-1997 School Year	67
Juvenile Arrests	130.1/100,000 youth 10-17 1980				100.0%	0.0/100,000 youth 10-17 1997	tie for 1

Number of Children (1997): 5,945

Children are 29.6% of the county population

Economic Cluster #5: Poorest

The *economic cluster* the county falls within is here. Each of the five clusters (wealthiest, wealthier, middle, poorer, poorest) is composed of approximately 20 percent of the state's population. A county is placed in a cluster with other counties with similar conditions based on four economic factors: (child poverty rates, per capita personal income, percent of children receiving public assistance and unemployment rates).

The *eight indicators* tracked by KIDS COUNT profile the status of children and youth in Oklahoma.

Base data for each indicator presents a rate for a previous year when data comparable to that measured currently was available. Each item specifies the base rate and period in which it was collected.

The *bar chart* shows the percent change between the base data and the recent data for each indicator. If the bar goes to the left of center, the county rate has worsened. If the bar goes to the right of center, the county rate has improved. The lighter colored wider bar behind the bar chart is the state rate for that indicator and allows you to compare the county with the state as a whole.

Recent data for each indicator presents a rate for the most recent year. Each item specifies the recent rate and period in which it was collected.