

Number of Children
(1997): 10,127

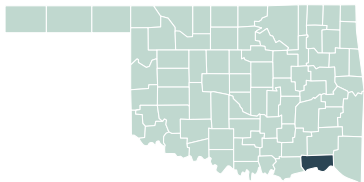
Children are 26.4% of
the county population

Economic Cluster
#5: Poorest

Cherokee County *County Seat: Tahlequah*

Indicator	Base Data	-	Worsened	Improved	+	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	5.6% of live births 1983-87	-19.8%				6.7% of live births 1992-96	45
Infant Mortality	6.5/1000 live births 1983-87				18.4%	5.3/1000 live births 1992-96	12
Births to Young Teens	39.0/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83	-15.5%				45.0/1000 girls 15-17 1994-96	65
Child Abuse & Neglect	7.0 confirmed/1000 children FY 1985	-195.0%				20.6 confirmed/1000 children FY 1997	55
Child Deaths	22.6/100,000 children 1-14 1978-83	-84.5%				41.8/100,000 children 1-14 1992-96	54
Child Poverty	24.6% of all children 1980	-47.4%				36.2% of all children 1993 (revised)	71
High School Dropouts	5.4% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year	-40.8%				7.6% of grades 9-12 1996-1997 School Year	75
Juvenile Arrests	0.0/100,000 youth 10-17 1980				###	61.1/100,000 youth 10-17 1997	23

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Number of Children
(1997): 4,194

Children are 27.5% of
the county population

Economic Cluster
#5: Poorest

Choctaw County *County Seat: Hugo*

Indicator	Base Data	-	Worsened	Improved	+	Recent Data	Rank
Low Birthweight	7.9% of live births 1983-87	-20.7%				9.5% of live births 1992-96	77
Infant Mortality	8.6/1000 live births 1983-87				16.5%	7.2/1000 live births 1992-96	30
Births to Young Teens	58.3/1000 girls 15-17 1981-83				20.2%	46.5/1000 girls 15-17 1994-96	66
Child Abuse & Neglect	2.5 confirmed/1000 children FY 1985	-429.2%				13.4 confirmed/1000 children FY 1997	28
Child Deaths	42.9/100,000 children 1-14 1978-83	-93.3%				83.0/100,000 children 1-14 1992-96	76
Child Poverty	28.6% of all children 1980	-53.1%				43.8% of all children 1993 (revised)	76
High School Dropouts	5.3% of grades 9-12 1994-1995 School Year				27.3%	3.9% of grades 9-12 1996-1997 School Year	25
Juvenile Arrests	39.9/100,000 youth 10-17 1980				100.0%	0.0/100,000 youth 10-17 1997	tie for 1

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