

Cape Girardeau County

County Composite Rank

2014
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County Seat: Jackson

Population: 78,913

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,018	2,728	18.7%	16.5%	↑	19.2%	21
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,340	3,170	20.3%	18.9%	↑	18.6%	25
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	384	387	8.2%	8.5%	↓	8.2%	81
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	142	106	8.5	6.3	↑	7.2	55
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	71	104	4.2	6.1	↓	9.2	81
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	80	52	26.7	17.3	↑	23.3	25
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	40	69	2.4	4.1	↓	4.2	36
Education							
Graduation rate	701	636	87.7%	91.2%	↑	91.5%	97
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	331	519	45.8%	65.8%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	390	438	53.2%	59.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	373	469	51.5%	58.1%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	425	493	55.1%	78.9%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	77,121
	2016	78,913
Child population under 18	2012	16,751
	2016	16,892
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	21.7%
	2016	21.4%
Child population under 6	2012	5,563
	2016	5,502
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.2%
	2016	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2012	3,098
	2016	3,318
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	18.5%
	2016	19.6%
Minority child population under 6	2012	1,169
	2016	1,163
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	21.0%
	2016	21.1%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	31.1%
	2012-2016	29.9%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	68.4%
	2012-2016	70.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	30.4%
	2012-2016	11.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	18.7%
	2012-2016	15.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	25.1%
	2012-2016	21.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	35.4%
	2012-2016	34.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	37.9%
	2016	33.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$54,296
	2012-2016	\$61,283
Adult unemployment	2012	5.9%
	2016	4.3%
Child homelessness	2012	2.0%
	2016	3.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	119.5
	2017	91.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	32.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.3%
	2016	95.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.8
	2012-2016	27.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	10.1%
	2012-2016	7.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	55.8
	2016	31.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.2%
	2016	2.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	4.8
	2016	9.1
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	15.8%
	2012-2016	16.0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.0
	2012-2016	7.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	25.9
	2012-2016	23.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	24.9
	2012-2016	21.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	34.7
	2012-2016	36.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	16.3
	2011-2015	21.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	55.8
	2011-2015	70.5
Uninsured children	2011	6.9%
	2015	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.7%
	2016	94.2%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.