

# Cape Girardeau County

County  
Composite  
Rank

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County Seat: Jackson

Population: 78,161

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,589	2,916	21.9%	17.7%	↑	18.5%	28
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	3,340	2,940	20.3%	17.5%	↑	17.4%	24
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	385	375	8.3%	8.2%	↑	8.4%	72
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	176	79	10.5	4.7	↑	7.1	28
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	89	70	5.3	4.1	↑	8.0	58
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	80	48	26.8	16.0	↑	22.5	23
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	78	80	4.6	4.7	↓	3.3	64
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	619	634	86.8%	89.8%	↑	91.0%	94
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		497		63.6%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		454		60.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		438		54.5%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2012 and 2016.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2013	77,320
	2017	78,161
Child population under 18	2013	16,801
	2017	16,845
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	21.7%
	2017	21.6%
Child population under 6	2013	5,555
	2017	5,441
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.2%
	2017	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	3,250
	2017	3,319
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	19.3%
	2017	19.7%
Minority child population under 6	2013	1,229
	2017	1,178
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	22.1%
	2017	21.7%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	32.2%
	2013-2017	32.7%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	66.9%
	2013-2017	66.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	37.9%
	2017	31.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	18.0%
	2017	15.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.4%
	2013-2017	25.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	34.5%
	2013-2017	33.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	36.0%
	2017	33.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$55,803
	2013-2017	\$63,405
Adult unemployment	2013	5.9%
	2017	3.4%
Child homelessness	2013	2.5%
	2017	4.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	101.7
	2018	94.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	10.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.2%
	2018	95.3%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	30.0
	2013-2017	28.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.5%
	2013-2017	7.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	37.9
	2017	31.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.6%
	2017	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.3
	2017	7.3

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	7.5
	2013-2017	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	29.1
	2013-2017	22.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	26.2
	2013-2017	18.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	35.1
	2013-2017	43.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	15.3*
	2012-2016	21.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	60.6
	2012-2016	73.6
Uninsured children	2012	6.9%
	2016	5.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.9%
	2017	94.2%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \* Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).