Pemiscot County

County Seat: Caruthersville

County Composite Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,133	1,867	45.4%	43.4%	↑	18.5%	114
Food insecurity for children[b]	1,380	1,250	27.4%	26.6%	↑	17.4%	114
Health							
Low birthweight infants[a,c]	198	166	13.6%	12.3%	↑	8.4%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000)[b]	56	51	11.4	11.4	→	7.1	105
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000)[b]	66	25	13.4	5.6	↑	8.0	83
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	45	25	69.8	43.5	↑	22.5	105
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)[a]	52	33	10.8	7.5	↑	3.3	94
Education							
Graduation rate	222	236	83.8%	95.2%	↑	91.0%	33
Achievement proficiency[a,d]							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		160		66.4%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		116		47.7%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		128		55.9%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better   ↓ worse   → no change

[a] Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

[b] Data based on 2012 and 2016.

[c] Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

[d] 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	17,823
	2017	16,826
Child population under 18	2013	4,793
	2017	4,383
Children under 18 as % of total poplation	2013	26.9%
	2017	26.0%
Child population under 6	2013	1,631
	2017	1,483
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	9.2%
	2017	8.8%
Minority child population under 18	2013	2,015
	2017	1,815
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	42.0%
	2017	41.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	760
	2017	667
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	46.6%
	2017	45.0%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	54.0%
	2013-2017	52.0%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	44.0%
	2013-2017	47.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	50.0%
	2017	42.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	41.4%
	2017	40.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	33.0%
	2013-2017	27.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	61.8%
	2013-2017	57.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	70.1%
	2017	71.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	$28,214
	2013-2017	$37,286
Adult unemployment	2013	8.2%
	2017	7.6%
Child homelessness	2013	1.3%
	2017	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	96.9
	2018	103.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	3.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.1%
	2018	94.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	14.3
	2013-2017	113.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	14.1%
	2013-2017	13.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	6.5
	2017	78.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.8%
	2017	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	11.9
	2017	17.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	10.3
	2013-2017	18.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.9
	2013-2017	21.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.2
	2013-2017	10.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.0
	2013-2017	73.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18[a]	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)[b]	2007-2011	70.6
	2012-2016	46.8*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	224.5
	2012-2016	172.3
Uninsured children	2012	6.9%
	2016	5.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.6%
	2017	93.9%

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

[b] * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).