

Cape Girardeau County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Jackson

Population: 78,324

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,364	2,816	20.5%	17.2%	↑	18.3%	28
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,490	2,910	20.9%	17.4%	↑	17.5%	32
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	397	383	8.6%	8.4%	↑	8.5%	75
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	167	102	10.0	6.1	↑	7.1	55
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	84	91	5.0	5.4	↓	7.5	84
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	54	50	18.2	16.6	↑	21.6	20
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	103	73	6.2	4.4	↑	4.0	45
Education							
High school graduation	655	639	91.0%	92.2%	↑	91.3%	78
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		407		50.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		396		51.3%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		371		46.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		438		58.2%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	78,043
	2018	78,324
Child population under 18	2014	16,674
	2018	16,776
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.6%
	2018	21.4%
Child population under 6	2014	5,494
	2018	5,459
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.0%
	2018	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	3,314
	2018	3,330
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	19.7%
	2018	19.8%
Minority child population under 6	2014	1,253
	2018	1,161
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	22.8%
	2018	21.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	32.9%
	2014-2018	31.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	65.8%
	2014-2018	67.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	33.1%
	2018	19.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	18.4%
	2014-2018	16.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	28.3%
	2014-2018	28.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	36.4%
	2014-2018	32.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	33.9%
	2018	32.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$57,070
	2014-2018	\$65,945
Adult unemployment	2014	5.4%
	2018	2.8%
Child homelessness	2014	3.5%
	2018	4.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	99.2
	2019	93.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	10.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.5%
	2018	95.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.5
	2014-2018	28.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.1%
	2014-2018	7.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	28.7
	2018	34.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.1%
	2018	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	6.8
	2018	8.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	7.8
	2014-2018	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	25.2
	2014-2018	25.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	21.6
	2014-2018	18.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	37.7
	2014-2018	44.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	75.0%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	11.9*
	2013-2017	19.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	52.6
	2013-2017	67.6
Uninsured children	2013	6.1%
	2017	4.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.3%
	2018	93.8%

^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)