

Barry County

County Seat: Cassville

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,466	1,844	31.3%	23.3%	↑	15.5%	79
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,790	1,580	21.7%	19.7%	↑	15.1%	88
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	160	157	7.6%	7.7%	↓	8.7%	48
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	36	44	4.4	5.4	↓	7.1	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	52	26	6.4	3.2	↑	6.2	52
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	39	23	36.9	22.8	↑	18.8	61
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	28	14	3.5	1.7	↑	3.2	9
Education							
High school graduation	427	404	95.3%	93.1%	↓	91.3%	64
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	35,732
	2020	35,615
Child population under 18	2016	8,037
	2020	8,084
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	22.5%
	2020	22.6%
Child population under 6	2016	2,508
	2020	2,560
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,654
	2020	1,896
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	20.6%
	2020	23.5%
Minority child population under 6	2016	584
	2020	633
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	23.3%
	2020	24.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	28.7%
	2016-2020	19.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70.9%
	2016-2020	67.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.6%
	2020	41.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	29.7%
	2016-2020	22.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26.1%
	2016-2020	22.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	52.3%
	2016-2020	46.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	44%
	2020	36.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$42,399
	2016-2020	\$54,681
Adult unemployment	2016	4.5%
	2020	6.5%
Child homelessness	2016	5.1%
	2020	4.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	33.6
	2021	11
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	14.8%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26.3
	2016-2020	54.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.44%
	2016-2020	7.61%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	17.5
	2020	13.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.2%
	2020	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.6
	2020	8.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	8.6
	2016-2020	3.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	24.2
	2016-2020	26
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.3
	2016-2020	18.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	42.9
	2016-2020	44.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	17.5
	2015-2019	42.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	57.9
	2015-2019	54.7
Uninsured children	2015	10%
	2019	10%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.8%
	2020	94.3%

^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).