

Cape Girardeau County

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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County Seat: Jackson

Population: 78,834

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,728	2,299	16.5%	13.9%	↑	15.5%	22
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,170	2,410	18.9%	14.3%	↑	15.1%	30
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	394	392	8.6%	8.8%	↓	8.7%	82
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	106	78	6.3	4.6	↑	7.1	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	104	80	6.1	4.7	↑	6.2	84
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	52	51	17.3	16.4	↑	18.8	32
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	69	85	4.1	5	↓	3.2	71
Education							
High school graduation	636	657	91.2%	91.4%	↑	91.3%	82
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	78,913
	2020	78,834
Child population under 18	2016	16,892
	2020	16,932
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.4%
	2020	21.3%
Child population under 6	2016	5,502
	2020	5,566
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	3,318
	2020	3,524
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	19.6%
	2020	20.8%
Minority child population under 6	2016	1,163
	2020	1,261
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	21.1%
	2020	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	29.9%
	2016-2020	21.8%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70%
	2016-2020	68.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	11.1%
	2020	18.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	19.4%
	2016-2020	13.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	29%
	2016-2020	28.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	33.4%
	2016-2020	30%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	33.5%
	2020	31.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$61,359
	2016-2020	\$68,904
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	5.2%
Child homelessness	2016	3.7%
	2020	3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	91.9
	2021	72.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	32.4%
	2021	13.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.5%
	2020	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.3
	2016-2020	38.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.17%
	2016-2020	6.61%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	31.3
	2020	18.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.4%
	2020	1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	9.1
	2020	7.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	7.2
	2016-2020	7.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.6
	2016-2020	28.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.8
	2016-2020	19.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	36.1
	2016-2020	50.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	22.1
	2015-2019	19.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	66.3
	2015-2019	57.1
Uninsured children	2015	5.3%
	2019	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.2%
	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).