

Pemiscot County

County Seat: Caruthersville

County
Composite
Rank

111

2018

114

2022

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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	1,827	1,980	41.3%	49.9%	↓	15.5%	115
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,300	1,280	27%	29.5%	↓	15.1%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	157	143	11.1%	11.9%	↓	8.7%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	37	10	7.9	2.5	↑	7.1	8
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	44	20	9.4	5	↑	6.2	92
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	31	25	51.2	54.2	↓	18.8	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	61	24	13.6	5.9	↑	3.2	88
Education							
High school graduation	247	194	94.6%	95.1%	↑	91.3%	39
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	17,073
	2020	16,330
Child population under 18	2016	4,492
	2020	4,040
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	26.3%
	2020	25.9%
Child population under 6	2016	1,530
	2020	1,416
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	9%
	2020	9.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,835
	2020	1,713
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	40.9%
	2020	42.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	665
	2020	628
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	43.5%
	2020	44.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	51%
	2016-2020	43.9%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	47.8%
	2016-2020	44.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	40.2%
	2020	57.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	41.3%
	2016-2020	47.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	34%
	2016-2020	33.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	60.1%
	2016-2020	61.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	71.1%
	2020	71.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$28,846
	2016-2020	\$35,227
Adult unemployment	2016	8.9%
	2020	8%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	1.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	103.1
	2021	94.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	93.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	77.7
	2016-2020	110.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	15.05%
	2016-2020	14.08%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	80
	2020	43.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.7%
	2020	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	19.8
	2020	9.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	15.6
	2016-2020	9.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.6
	2016-2020	41.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	10
	2016-2020	19.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	76.3
	2016-2020	111.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	63.4
	2015-2019	38.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	222.7
	2015-2019	111.3
Uninsured children	2015	5.4%
	2019	6.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.2%
	2020	92.8%

^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).