

Barry County

County Seat: Cassville

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

Population: 34,712

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,057	2,275	25.7%	29.3%	↓	16.5%	101
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,770	1,680	21.6%	20.8%	↑	15.4%	91
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	163	157	7.8%	7.8%	↑	8.8%	52
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	53	53	6.6	6.7	↓	5.0	103
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	49	12	6.1	1.5	↑	3.6	36
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	40	32	39.1	32.7	↑	17.0	92
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	35	10	4.3	1.3	↑	3.0	4
Education							
High school graduation	461	476	93.5%	92.8%	↓	90.8%	62
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	150	—	33.2		41.4%	101
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	202	—	38.9		44.9%	84
4th grade math (MAP)	—	135	—	29.9		36.8%	98
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	118	—	23.5		26.8%	86

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	35,668
	2020	34,712
Child population under 18	2017	8,169
	2021	7,932
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.9%
	2021	22.9%
Child population under 6	2017	2,573
	2021	2,484
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%
	2021	7.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	1,796
	2021	2,027
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	22.0%
	2021	25.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	653
	2021	696
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	25.4%
	2021	28.0%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.7%
	2017-2021	19.2%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.0%
	2017-2021	67.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	31.2%
	2021	27.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	23.7%
	2017-2021	30.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.7%
	2017-2021	23.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	51.8%
	2017-2021	46.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	42.5%
	2021	35.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$45,278
	2017-2021	\$54,484
Adult unemployment	2017	3.4%
	2021	4.6%
Child homelessness	2017	4.0%
	2021	1.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	28.2
	2022	3.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	11.8%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.6
	2021	93.6

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	47.4
	2017-2021	9.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	9.7%
	2017-2021	11.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	26.8
	2021	24.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.9%
	2021	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.5
	2021	9.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	7.2
	2017-2021	3.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	26.9
	2017-2021	23.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.0
	2017-2021	25.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	52.5
	2017-2021	14.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	25.0%
	2017-2021	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	15.5*
	2016-2020	43.4*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	54.7
	2016-2020	95.8
Uninsured children	2016	7.7%
	2020	9.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.9%
	2021	92.7%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).