

Pemiscot County

County
Composite
Rank

108²⁰¹⁹

112²⁰²³

County Seat: Caruthersville

Population: 15,236

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,867	1,380	43.4%	35.5%	↑	16.5%	115
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,250	1,340	26.6%	31.0%	↓	15.4%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	155	137	11.3%	11.7%	↓	8.8%	113
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	51	12	11.4	3.0	↑	5.0	17
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	25	11	5.6	2.8	↑	3.6	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	26	43.5	57.8	↓	17.0	115
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	33	20	7.5	5.0	↑	3.0	71
Education							
High school graduation	236	177	95.2%	91.2%	↓	90.8%	75
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	60	—	27.6		41.4%	110
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	56	—	27.9		44.9%	111
4th grade math (MAP)	—	43	—	19.8		36.8%	112
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	8	—	6.1		26.8%	113

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			Education		
Total population	2017	16,826	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	103.4
	2020	15,236		2022	81.7
Child population under 18	2017	4,383	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	3.7%
	2021	3,966		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	26.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.6
	2021	26.0%		2021	92.5
Child population under 6	2017	1,483	Family & Community		
	2021	1,350	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	78.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.8%		2017-2021	102.1
	2021	8.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	21.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	1,815		2017-2021	20.5%
	2021	1,733	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	78.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	41.4%		2021	65.6
	2021	43.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	667		2021	2.7%
	2021	600	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	17.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	45.0%		2021	13.4
	2021	44.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	52.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	16.7
	2017-2021	46.7%		2017-2021	7.7
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	47.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.1
	2017-2021	41.8%		2017-2021	64.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	5.2
Children in poverty under 6	2017	42.1%		2017-2021	45.0
	2021	29.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	72.2
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	40.6%		2017-2021	158.0
	2017-2021	35.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	27.5%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	29.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	45.5*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	57.9%		2016-2020	34.2*
	2017-2021	62.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	111.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	71.4%		2016-2020	156.9
	2021	68.2%	Uninsured children	2016	5.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$37,286		2020	5.9%
	2017-2021	\$33,264	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.9%
Adult unemployment	2017	7.6%		2021	91.7%
	2021	7.3%			
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%			
	2021	0.3%			

^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).