

Barry County

County Seat: Cassville

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,143	1,808	26.9%	23.6%	↑	16.8%	85
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,650	1,320	20.4%	16.7%	↑	12.8%	93
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	172	156	8.3%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	48
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	42	41	5.1	5.2	↓	6.3	57
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	36	14	4.4	1.8	↑	5.1	32
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	35	30	35.0	30.2	↑	16.8	91
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	22	10	2.7	1.3	↑	2.7	11
Education							
High school graduation	450	402	94.1%	91.0%	↓	91.2%	84
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	186	163	36.8	36.9		41.0%	71
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	205	172	41.7	33.6		41.9%	89
4th grade math (MAP)	188	172	35.7	36.8		43.0%	90
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	157	162	33.6	32.0		41.2%	82

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	35,493	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	20.8
	2021	34,926		2023	10.8
Child population under 18	2018	8,141	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	11.8%
	2022	7,848		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.4
	2022	22.5%		2022	93.3
Child population under 6	2018	2,589	Family & Community		
	2022	2,428	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	39.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%		2018-2022	27.8
	2022	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,916		2018-2022	11.0%
	2022	2,022	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	25.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	23.5%		2022	35.8
	2022	25.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	718		2022	0.8%
	2022	634	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	10.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	27.7%		2022	7.8
	2022	26.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.8
	2018-2022	16.3%		2018-2022	4.5
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	17.3
	2018-2022	68.6%		2018-2022	29.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	9.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	33.2%		2018-2022	29.8
	2022	13.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	25.5%		2018-2022	28.3
	2022	23.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.7%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	22.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	19.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	51.8%		2017-2021	49.0
	2018-2022	45.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	62.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	39.9%		2017-2021	103.4
	2022	36.7%	Uninsured children	2017	8.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$45,278		2021	6.8%
	2018-2022	\$\$59,375	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.8%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%		2022	93.1%
	2022	2.7%	^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 occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	4.9%			
	2022	3.9%			