

Cape Girardeau County

County
Composite
Rank

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2024

County Seat: Jackson

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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	2,816	2,797	17.2%	16.4%	↑	16.8%	30
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,910	2,120	17.4%	12.0%	↑	12.8%	43
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	375	403	8.2%	9.0%	↓	8.9%	87
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	102	109	6.1	6.2	↓	6.3	79
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	91	62	5.4	3.6	↑	5.1	70
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	50	56	16.6	17.1	↓	16.8	42
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	73	35	4.4	2.0	↑	2.7	24
Education							
High school graduation	639	707	92.2%	92.3%	↑	91.2%	76
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	407	319	50.6	40.0		41.0%	54
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	396	325	51.3	38.9		41.9%	61
4th grade math (MAP)	371	311	46.4	39.9		43.0%	71
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	438	358	58.2	44.7		41.2%	25

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	78,324	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	93.6
	2021	82,899		2023	84.3
Child population under 18	2018	16,776	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	10.7%
	2022	17,487		2023	11.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
	2022	21.1%		2022	93.3
Child population under 6	2018	5,459	Family & Community		
	2022	5,543	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	28.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.9%		2018-2022	59.2
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	3,330		2018-2022	10.2%
	2022	4,206	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	34.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	19.8%		2022	33.8
	2022	24.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	1,161		2022	2.0%
	2022	1,493	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	8.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	21.3%		2022	5.1
	2022	26.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	32.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.7
	2018-2022	16.7%		2018-2022	7.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.7
	2018-2022	72.9%		2018-2022	25.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	19.8%		2018-2022	17.8
	2022	29.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	43.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	16.0%		2018-2022	57.3
	2022	15.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.9%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	27.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	21.3
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	33.2%		2017-2021	11.1*
	2018-2022	27.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	73.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	32.7%		2017-2021	73.4
	2022	29.7%	Uninsured children	2017	4.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$63,405		2021	6.2%
	2018-2022	\$\$80,063	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.8%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.8%		2022	91.4%
	2022	2.2%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	4.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	0.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		