

Pemiscot County

County Seat: Caruthersville

County
Composite
Rank

108

2020

114

2024

Population: 14,841

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,827	1,532	44.5%	40.4%	↑	16.8%	115
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,180	1,240	25.6%	29.9%	↓	12.8%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	166	133	12.3%	12.0%	↑	8.9%	113
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	39	13	8.9	3.4	↑	6.3	15
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	39	27	8.9	7.0	↑	5.1	108
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	18	23	34.0	53.0	↓	16.8	115
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	19	19	4.5	4.9	↓	2.7	78
Education							
High school graduation	238	167	96.0%	88.8%	↓	91.2%	102
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	116	75	47.9	35.4		41.0%	80
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	64	54	30.2	25.5		41.9%	112
4th grade math (MAP)	99	47	40.2	22.0		43.0%	112
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	67	26	26.1	11.9		41.2%	115

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

Total population	2018	17,031
	2021	14,841
Child population under 18	2018	4,183
	2022	3,863
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	26.3%
	2022	26.0%
Child population under 6	2018	1,437
	2022	1,289
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.8%
	2022	8.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,718
	2022	1,745
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	41.1%
	2022	45.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	632
	2022	619
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	44.0%
	2022	48.0%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	52.0%
	2018-2022	48.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	47.1%
	2018-2022	37.2%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	38.3%
	2022	28.3%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	40.9%
	2022	38.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	27.5%
	2018-2022	32.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	57.9%
	2018-2022	62.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	70.9%
	2022	68.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$37,286
	2018-2022	\$\$34,099
Adult unemployment	2018	5.5%
	2022	3.8%
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%
	2022	0.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	97.1
	2023	94.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	3.7%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.1
	2022	91.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	113.5
	2018-2022	95.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	13.4%
	2018-2022	23.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	64.4
	2022	65.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.7%
	2022	2.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	23.2
	2022	10.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	18.5
	2018-2022	9.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	21.8
	2018-2022	65.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	10.6
	2018-2022	53.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	73.7
	2018-2022	125.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	46.8*
	2017-2021	20.2**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	172.3
	2017-2021	146.7
Uninsured children	2017	4.4%
	2021	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.4%
	2022	89.6%

^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).