

Barry County

County Seat: Cassville

Population: 35,265

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,354	1,576	29.6%	20.2%	↑	14.7%	71
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,550	1,650	19.3%	21.2%	↓	18.7%	89
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	142	175	8.4%	8.7%	↓	8.9%	83
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	33	52	4.1	6.5	↓	7.1	71
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	29	23	3.6	2.9	↑	5.5	58
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	25	41.9	24.8	↑	15.9	78
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	11	8	1.4	1.0	↑	2.9	10
Education							
High school graduation	441	457	93.8%	93.8%	↓	91.3%	65
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	150	164	33.0%	36.5%	↑	42.2%	86
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	202	205	40.6%	40.4%	↓	42.3%	52
4th grade math (MAP)	176	193	34.8%	41.4%	↑	43.7%	67
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	153	134	32.3%	24.6%	↓	40.1%	108

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	35,789	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	20.8
	2022	35,265		2024	33.1
Child population under 18	2019	8,138	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	7,994		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.4
	2023	22.7%		2023	93.6
Child population under 6	2019	2,586	Family & Community		
	2023	2,484	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	58.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.2%		2019-2023	18.5
	2023	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	1,954		2019-2023	10.5%
	2023	2,118	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	28.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	24.0%		2023	27.5
	2023	26.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	715		2023	0.6%
	2023	680	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	5.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	27.6%		2023	5.5
	2023	27.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	32.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.8
	2019-2023	13.1%		2019-2023	3.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	66.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.4
	2019-2023	71.1%		2019-2023	34.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	26.7%		2019-2023	39.1
	2023	23.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	53.7
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	26.2%		2019-2023	13.8
	2023	19.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	27.0%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	22.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	15.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	50.2%		2018-2022	48.1
	2019-2023	44.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	62.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	36.9%		2018-2022	9.8
	2023	35.1%	Uninsured children	2018	9.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$44,750		2022	7.0%
	Adult unemployment	2019	3.5%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019
2023		3.5%	2023		93.5%
Child homelessness	2019	4.8%	^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).		
	2023	1.5%			