

# Cape Girardeau County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,918	2,339	17.8%	13.6%	↑	14.7%	25
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	2,380	3,020	14.2%	17.3%	↓	18.7%	43
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>b</sup>	297	385	8.2%	8.7%	↓	8.9%	81
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	104	139	6.2	7.9	↓	7.1	97
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	76	43	4.5	2.4	↑	5.5	47
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	43	56	13.8	17.0	↓	15.9	47
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	92	33	5.5	1.9	↑	2.9	23
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	660	683	91.5%	93.4%	↑	91.3%	75
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	376	323	49.7%	41.5%	↓	42.2%	59
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	358	349	47.2%	42.4%	↓	42.3%	38
4th grade math (MAP)	315	344	39.7%	42.7%	↑	43.7%	63
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	400	389	54.0%	45.2%	↓	40.1%	22

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2018 and 2022.

<sup>b</sup> 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	78,871	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	93.6
	2022	82,984		2024	75.1
Child population under 18	2019	16,821	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	17,596		2024	12.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.3
	2023	21.2%		2023	93.8
Child population under 6	2019	5,497	Family & Community		
	2023	5,514	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	28.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.0%		2019-2023	60.4
	2023	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2019	3,438		2019-2023	10.3%
	2023	4,429	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	25.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	20.4%		2023	35.2
	2023	25.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.1%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2019	1,184		2023	1.7%
	2023	1,574	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	8.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	21.5%		2023	3.9
	2023	28.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	31.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	5.7
	2019-2023	19.2%		2019-2023	7.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	67.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.1
	2019-2023	69.2%		2019-2023	23.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	18.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	21.7%		2019-2023	16.3
	2023	16.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	44.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	17.5%		2019-2023	55.9
	2023	12.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2018	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	28.2%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	26.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2017	19.1
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	32.0%		2018-2022	11.1*
	2019-2023	28.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	67.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	31.1%		2018-2022	7.3
	2023	29.6%	Uninsured children	2018	5.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$65,945		2022	5.7%
	2019-2023	\$84,659	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.1%
Adult unemployment	2019	2.9%		2023	92.6%
	2023	2.7%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.4%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	0.7%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		