

Pemiscot County

County Seat: Caruthersville

Population: 14,613

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,609	1,344	40.7%	35.9%	↑	14.7%	115
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,230	1,420	27.5%	35.5%	↓	18.7%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	123	128	12.2%	12.1%	↑	8.9%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	23	6	5.7	1.6	↑	7.1	2
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	19	18	4.7	4.7	↑	5.5	92
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	31	22	62.6	50.3	↑	15.9	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	43	40	10.7	10.5	↑	2.9	108
Education							
High school graduation	204	181	93.6%	85.9%	↓	91.3%	106
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	85	78	39.0%	36.6%	↓	42.2%	84
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	82	57	34.9%	28.2%	↓	42.3%	106
4th grade math (MAP)	73	54	30.4%	25.2%	↓	43.7%	111
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	29	41	10.6%	17.7%	↑	40.1%	114

^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	15,805	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	97.1
	2022	14,613		2024	110.0
Child population under 18	2019	4,030	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2023	3,818		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	25.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	93.8
	2023	26.1%		2023	92.5
Child population under 6	2019	1,376	Family & Community		
	2023	1,239	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	67.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.7%		2019-2023	103.3
	2023	8.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	13.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	1,692		2019-2023	22.1%
	2023	1,733	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	70.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	42.0%		2023	83.5
	2023	45.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	600		2023	1.9%
	2023	585	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	17.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	43.6%		2023	15.5
	2023	47.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	53.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	15.7
	2019-2023	38.1%		2019-2023	10.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	45.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	17.9
	2019-2023	40.0%		2019-2023	60.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	14.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	41.7%		2019-2023	46.7
	2023	48.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	37.2%		2019-2023	124.0
	2023	30.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	30.4%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	32.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	49.7*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	59.1%		2018-2022	20.2**
	2019-2023	60.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	142.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	71.5%		2018-2022	14.4
	2023	67.5%	Uninsured children	2018	5.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$37,773		2022	6.4%
	2019-2023	\$41,741	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	92.8%
Adult unemployment	2019	5.0%		2023	91.6%
	2023	4.9%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	0.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		