

# Barry County

County Seat: Cassville

Population: 35,618

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,844	1,706	23.3%	21.4%	↑	15.3%	84
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	1,580	1,650	19.7%	20.8%	↓	18.1%	76
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	157	184	7.7%	9.0%	↓	8.9%	85
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	26	23	3.2	2.8	↑	5.4	59
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	25	22.8	24.7	↓	15.9	76
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	8	1.7	1.0	↑	2.9	6
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	404	464	93.1%	94.3%	↑	92.1%	60
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	269	168	53.6%	39.0%	↓	41.6%	62
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	248	167	52.0%	36.9%	↓	42.1%	65
4th grade math (MAP)	193	200	39.1%	43.7%	↑	44.5%	61
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	285	166	51.4%	32.2%	↓	41.5%	81

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	35,615	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	11.0
	2023	35,618		2025	27.0
Child population under 18	2020	8,084	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	8,137		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.3
	2024	22.9%		2024	93.8
Child population under 6	2020	2,560	Family & Community		
	2024	2,599	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	54.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	18.5
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,896		2020-2024	9.8%
	2024	2,253	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	13.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	23.5%		2024	27.3
	2024	27.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	633		2024	0.7%
	2024	744	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	24.7%		2024	2.5
	2024	28.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	19.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	3.4
	2020-2024	14.8%		2020-2024	5.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	67.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	26.0
	2020-2024	67.4%		2020-2024	33.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	18.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	41.5%		2020-2024	35.1
	2024	13.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	44.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	22.6%		2020-2024	27.5
	2024	21.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.8%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	22.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	42.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	46.2%		2019-2023	28.5*
	2020-2024	41.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	54.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	36.3%		2019-2023	99.7
	2024	36.2%	Uninsured children	2019	10.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$54,681		2023	6.8%
	2020-2024	\$67,311	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.3%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	6.5%		2024	93.5%
	2023	3.5%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.2%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.8%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		