

Pemiscot County

County Seat: Caruthersville

Population: 14,407

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,980	1,325	49.9%	35.7%	↑	15.3%	115
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,280	1,320	29.5%	33.2%	↓	18.1%	115
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	143	131	11.9%	12.9%	↓	8.9%	115
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	20	16	5.0	4.2	↑	5.4	89
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	26	54.2	54.9	↓	15.9	115
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	24	17	5.9	4.5	↑	2.9	78
Education							
High school graduation	194	162	95.1%	89.5%	↓	92.1%	103
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	156	61	61.2%	29.9%	↓	41.6%	107
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	104	58	43.3%	30.5%	↓	42.1%	93
4th grade math (MAP)	137	59	52.9%	28.5%	↓	44.5%	106
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	118	31	45.4%	19.9%	↓	41.5%	113

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	16,330	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	94.1
	2023	14,407		2025	109.3
Child population under 18	2020	4,040	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	3,779		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	25.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.7
	2024	26.2%		2024	92.4
Child population under 6	2020	1,416	Family & Community		
	2024	1,156	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	110.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	9.1%		2020-2024	118.8
	2024	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	14.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,713		2020-2024	23.9%
	2024	1,743	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	43.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	42.4%		2024	72.2
	2024	46.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	628		2024	1.1%
	2024	535	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	9.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	44.4%		2024	10.6
	2024	46.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	43.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.1
	2020-2024	39.0%		2020-2024	9.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	44.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	41.9
	2020-2024	44.1%		2020-2024	66.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	57.8%		2020-2024	54.9
	2024	29.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	111.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	47.7%		2020-2024	114.3
	2024	33.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	33.2%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	34.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	38.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	61.8%		2019-2023	10.2**
	2020-2024	59.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	111.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	71.7%		2019-2023	133.6
	2024	66.4%	Uninsured children	2019	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$35,227		2023	5.6%
	2020-2024	\$40,708	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	8.0%		2024	90.9%
	2023	4.9%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		