

EDUCATION

EDUCATION INDICATORS Census 2000	Cape County	City of Cape	City of Jackson	Scott City	Missouri
School Enrollment					
Total for population 3 years/up	19,596	11,150	3002	1178	1,479,573
PrePrimary/Kindergarten	1917	805	391	140	5,375,073
Grades 1-12	11,172	5081	2061	851	979,792
Post Secondary	6507	5264	550	187	319,515
Educational Attainment for population 25 years/up					
Less than High School Graduate	18.9%	18.3%	18.7%	22.1%	18.6%
High School Graduate/GED	33.3%	28.1%	33.3%	52.0%	32.7%
Some college, no degree	20.0%	20.8%	20.3%	18.0%	21.9%
Associate Degree	3.6%	3.5%	4.0%	2.4%	5.1%
Bachelor Degree	16.4%	19.4%	16.8%	3.4%	14.0%
Advanced Degree	7.8%	9.9%	7.0%	2.1%	7.6%

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Data in the above table for school enrollment includes students (ages 3 and up) enrolled in all schools in the Cape Girardeau area - public, private and parochial. Non-public school enrollment in Cape Girardeau County was reported to be 2055 according to Census 2000. Post-secondary education is offered through the new Career and Technology Center, Metro Business College, University of MO Extension, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Southeast MO Hospital) and Southeast MO State University.

Cape Girardeau County includes five public school districts - Cape Girardeau 63, Delta R-V, Jackson R-II, Nell Holcomb R-IV, and Oak Ridge R-VI. Also included in this report is Scott City R-I District. All of these districts provide K-12 services except Nell Holcomb, which serves only K-8. All of the data on the following page is collected and shared by Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Data for the numerous private and parochial schools in the Cape Girardeau area are not included in this report. These schools are not included in the DESE statistics and not subject to the same reporting requirements as the public schools. Due to variations between geographic location and the number of students of each of the six school districts, data will be presented separately for school years 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Public School District Data for Cape Girardeau County/Scott City

EDUCATION INDICATORS 2001-2002 School Year	Cape Girardeau		Delta		Jackson		Nell Holcomb		Oak Ridge		Scott City		State of Missouri	
Public School Enrollment (K-12)	3986		310		4657		317		396		1026		890,178	
Expenditure per student	\$6539		\$6125		\$4803		\$4926		\$5618		\$5484		\$7147	
Rate of pupil attendance	95.1		96.2		98.6		95.6		96.1		94.3		93.9%	
MAP Scores - Communication Arts														
% Progressing -- % Proficient/Advan														
Grade 3	37.0	25.7	17.4	47.8	16.4	47.4	18.6	44.2	17.9	43.6	22.4	29.9	26.0	35.5
Grade 7	36.5	35.8	30.4	34.8	27.1	40.5	46.9	28.1	22.2	33.3	34.7	27.8	35.3	32.1
Grade 11	34.3	26.8	29.2	16.7	24.3	33.8	NA	NA	30.8	15.4	24.3	22.9	34.4	23.8
MAP Scores - Mathematics														
% Progressing -- % Proficient/Advan														
Grade 4	26.5	35.6	27.3	30.3	12.8	46.4	7.5	40.0	28.1	28.1	19.8	31.9	21.0	37.7
Grade 8	44.5	21.5	65.4	7.7	58.0	11.6	46.2	11.5	58.3	8.3	56.8	9.9	54.6	13.7
Grade 10	57.7	10.7	64.0	8.0	43.8	10.6	NA	NA	60.0	13.3	50.7	10.7	58.9	10.7
Free/Reduced Lunch Rate	39.4		45.2		21.5		29		38.6		38.6		36.9%	
Graduation Rate	77.7		89.5		88.9		NA		100		86.6		82.4%	
Drop Out Rate	1.8		1.2		2.3		NA		0.9		2.2		3.7%	
ACT-% of grad at or above nat'l avg	48.0		11.8		46.6		NA		21.4		25.7		34.8%	
Graduate Analysis														
# of previous year graduates	267		17		327		NA		20		62		53,328	
Entering 4-year college	68.9%		21.1%		58.4%		NA		25.0%		55.7%		39.6%	
Entering 2-year college	6.4%		10.5%		4.9%		NA		10.0%		7.1%		24.9%	
Post-sec. Institution/not college	3.0%		15.8%		4.0%		NA		10.0%		5.7%		4.0%	
Entering workforce	6.7%		42.1%		25.7%		NA		45.0%		28.6%		21.5%	
Entering military	3.8%		10.5%		3.5%		NA		10.0%		0.0%		3.6%	
Entering other field	11.2%		0.0%		6.1%		NA		0.9%		2.9%		5.7%	
Job Placement for Voc Students	77.2%		58.3%		80.2%		NA		93.3%		38.5%		79%	
Source: www.dese.state.mo.us NA - Not Applicable - Nell Holcomb School is K-8 th grades only.														

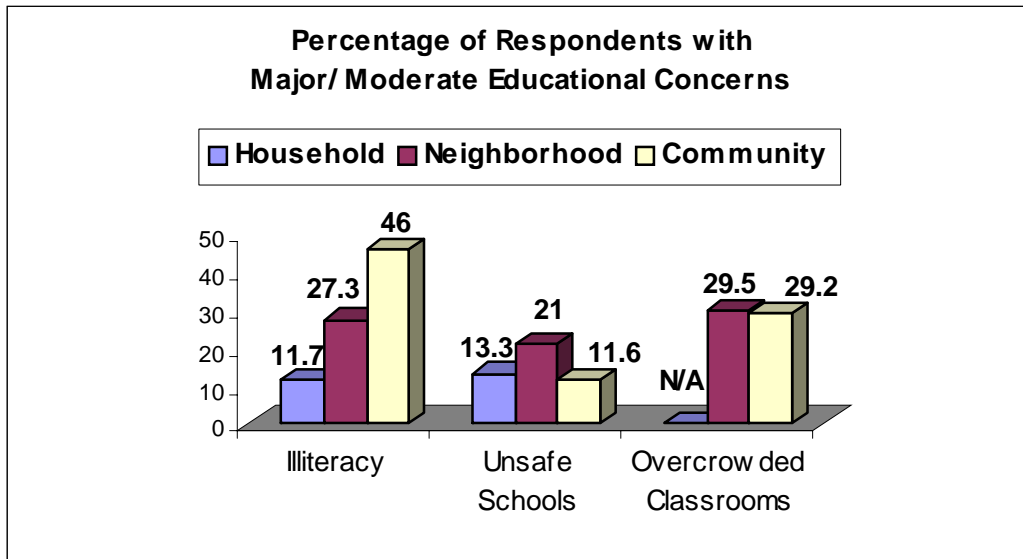
Public School District Data for Cape Girardeau County/Scott City

EDUCATION INDICATORS 2002-2003 School Year	Cape Girardeau		Delta		Jackson		Nell Holcomb		Oak Ridge		Scott City		State of Missouri	
Public School Enrollment (K-12)	3,998		325		4,623		339		383		1,025		893,575	
Expenditure per student	\$7,207		\$6,117		\$5,275		\$5,016		\$6,044		\$5,567		\$7,345	
Rate of Pupil Attendance	92.2		96.2		95.3		95.1		95.3		93.8		93.8	
MAP Scores - Communication Arts														
% Progressing --% Proficient/Advan														
Grade 3	31	31.8	15.8	26.3	18.5	36.5	23.7	31.6	17.2	37.9	25.4	25.4	26.4	34.1
Grade 7	34.9	34.9	20.6	35.3	29.0	33.0	38.2	23.5	23.3	30.0	41.4	32.2	36.3	32.4
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Grade 8	57.1	8.8	43.5	8.7	44.0	15.8	45.7	14.3	42.3	11.5	48.0	8.0	51.2	13.9
Grade 10	55.6	13.3	47.6	19	43.1	15.8	NA	NA	30.4	17.4	46.9	10.4	55.4	12.4
Free/Reduced Lunch Rate	41.2		43.5		22.5		32.9		34.1		41.5		38.3	
Graduation Rate	80.5		85.2		90.4		NA		100		97.2		83.9	
Drop Out Rate	5.7		0.0		2.1		NA		0.0		0.6		3.7	
ACT-% of grad at or above nat'l avg	37.0		34.8		47.2		NA		21.4		25.7		32.6	
Graduate Analysis														
# of previous year graduates	275		17		343		NA		30		71%		54,535	
Entering 4-year college	64.7%		35.3%		60.1%		NA		13.3%		63.4%		39.2%	
Entering 2-year college	6.6%		11.8%		3.5%		NA		36.7%		7.0%		25.3%	
Post-sec. Institution/not college	4.0%		0.0%		8.2%		NA		3.3%		14.1%		4.1%	
Entering workforce	5.1%		41.2%		19.2%		NA		40.0%		12.7%		20.0%	
Entering military	2.2%		5.9%		5.3%		NA		3.3%		2.8%		3.6%	
Entering other field	11.6%		0.0%		2.0%		NA		3.3%		0.0%		3.6%	
Job Placement for Voc Students	84.3%		71.4%		78%		NA		96.4%		79.5%		81.2%	

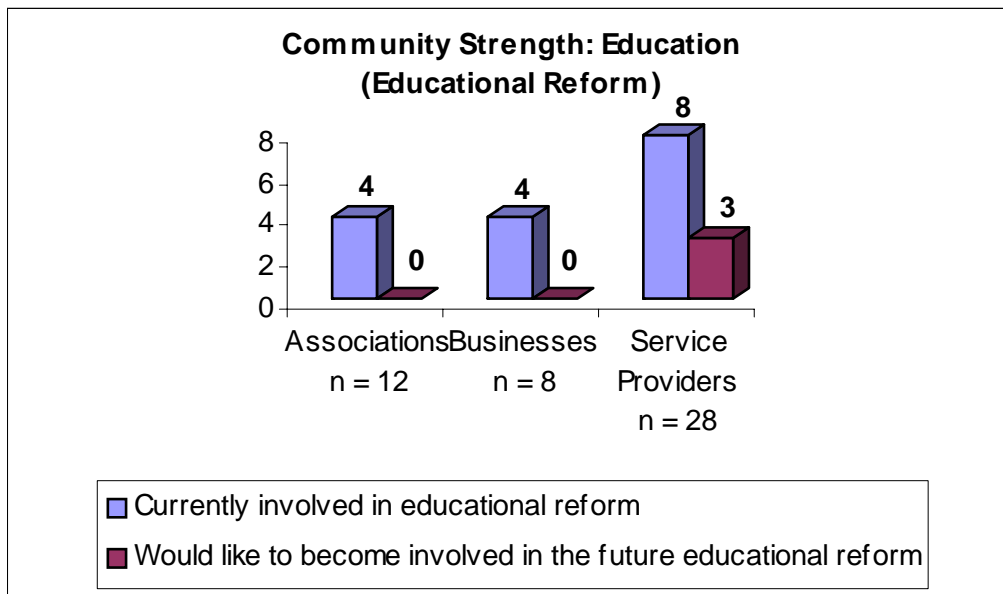
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COMPASS Survey Results

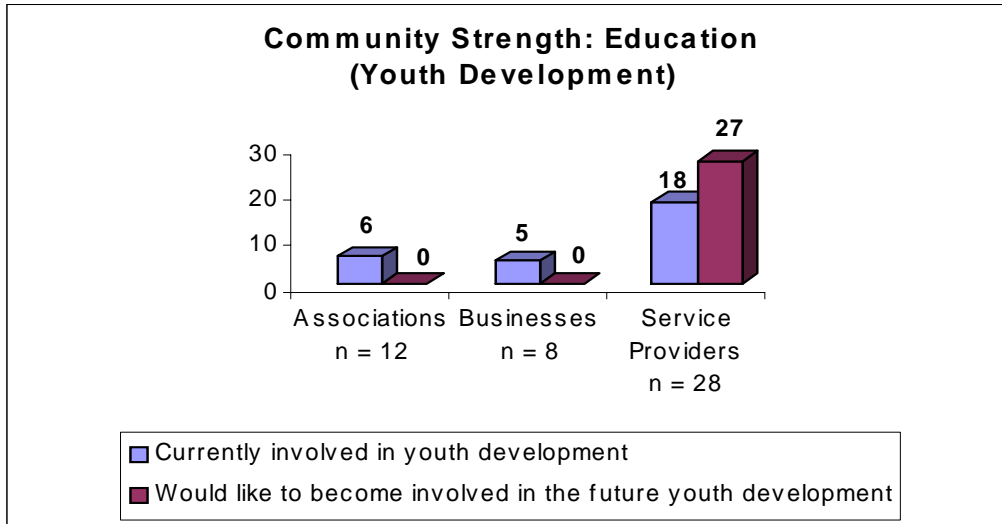
Household Results



Community Strength: Education (Educational Reform)



Community Strength: Education (Youth Development)



STRENGTHS

- 1. All local public schools are accredited.**
- 2. The dropout rate for all school districts is below the state rate of 3.8, with Oak Ridge leading with 0.9. The dropout rate for Cape Girardeau District decreased from 7.5 in 2001 to 1.8 in 2002, but rose in 2003 to 5.7. Delta 's rate has decreased from 3.2 in 2000 to 0 (no dropouts) in 2002. Scott City has decreased from a rate of 5.3 in 1998 to a rate of 0.6 in 2003. The state average has decreased in recent years to 3.7 for 2002 and 2003.**
- 3. All school districts exceeded the state average of 93.9 for rate of pupil attendance in 2002. In 2003, Cape Girardeau fell below the state average and Scott City mirrored the state average of 93.8.**
- 4. Cape Girardeau, Delta, Nell Holcomb and Oak Ridge Districts have a smaller ratio of students to classroom teachers than the state average of 18:1.**
- 5. Jackson and Nell Holcomb have lower free and reduced lunch rates than the state average of 38.3%. Cape, Delta and Scott City exceed the state average.**

- 6. Oak Ridge has a most impressive rate of job placement for vocational students - 93.3% - for 2002 and 96.4% for 2003. The rate for Scott City increased over 100% from 38.5% in 2002 to 79% in 2003.**
- 7. Most of the physical facilities throughout the area are excellent.**
- 8. Cape Girardeau, Jackson and Scott City districts have significantly more students entering a 4-year college than the state average for the past several years.**

CHALLENGES

- 1. All school districts spend less per student than the state average of \$7,345 in 2003. For 2003, Nell Holcomb was the lowest with \$5,016 and Cape was the highest with \$7,207.**
- 2. Delta and Oak Ridge lag behind the state average for graduates entering 2-year or 4-year college programs. Motivating students to seek additional education is challenging in this area.**
- 3. MAP performance is an ongoing challenge. It is hard to make a general statement regarding improvement or decline in Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) scores for the schools in our region. The overall evaluation examines the decrease of students at the Step1/Progressing level and the increase of students at the Proficient /Advanced level.**
- 4. Cuts in funding will result in less resources and greater challenges to meet the needs of all students.**
- 5. Meeting the Increased expectations of state to meet federal guidelines of "No Child Left Behind"—especially disaggregate student groups (special education/free and reduced lunch groups)**
- 6. Need to decrease class sizes**
- 7. Need more qualified staff -- increase training opportunities**
- 8. Decrease mobility of students during the school year**
- 9. Increase family stability/encourage parent involvement**
- 10. After school programs/enrichment activities**

DEFINITIONS

High School Dropout Rate = number of dropouts divided by (September enrollment plus transfers in minus transfers out added to total September enrollment then divided by 2).

Graduation Rate = [Graduates divided by (9-12 cohort dropouts plus graduates)] X 100.