

Carter County

County Seat: Van Buren

County
Composite
Rank

2013
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Population: 6,263

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	558	542	36.7%	36.3%	↑	20.4%	102
Food insecurity for children*	420	410	28.1%	26.4%	↑	20.8%	98
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	45	34	11.1%	8.8%	↑	8.0%	93
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	49	39	32.2	25.9	↑	7.6	115
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	4	5	2.6	3.3	↓	10.2	25
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	8	66.3	41.5	↑	25.0	92
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	6	12	3.9	7.9	↓	4.5	81
Education							
Graduation rate	76	80	82.6%	96.4%	↑	90.2%	20
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	35	38	35.4%	45.2%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	52	49	55.9%	48%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	46	30	45.1%	33.3%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	45	43	63.4%	26.5%		62.2%	

[^]Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

LEGEND: ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2011	6,318
	2015	6,263
Child population under 18	2011	1,532
	2015	1,513
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	24.1%
	2015	24.2%
Child population under 6	2011	509
	2015	482
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	8.1%
	2015	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2011	104
	2015	101
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	6.8%
	2015	6.7%
Minority child population under 6	2011	35
	2015	28
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	2.3%
	2015	1.9%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	39.9%
	2011-2015	24.1%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	60.1%
	2011-2015	72.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	38.6%
	2011-2015	44.1%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	36.7%
	2011-2015	36.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	25.2%
	2011-2015	33.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	64.6%
	2011-2015	53%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	53.3%
	2015	43.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$30,714
	2011-2015	\$37,500
Adult unemployment	2011	9.4%
	2015	7.5%
Child homelessness	2011	2.9%
	2015	5.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	60.1
	2016	66.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	42.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	93.9%
	2015	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	0
	2011-2015	50
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	14%
	2011-2015	12.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	23.1
	2015	20.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	1.4%
	2015	0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	0
	2015	2
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	63.4%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	14.7
	2011-2015	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	40.1
	2011-2015	68.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	49.9
	2011-2015	83.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	0
	2011-2015	0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	12.1
	2010-2014	12.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	102.9
	2010-2014	107.3
Uninsured children	2010	9.1%
	2014	10.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.1%
	2015	93.7%

*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.