

Jackson County

County Seat: Independence

County
Composite
Rank

2013
104

2017
104

Population: 687,623

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2015 | 2011 | 2015 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 44,031 | 40,396 | 27.2% | 25% | ↑ | 20.4% | 54 |
| Food insecurity for children* | 36,630 | 34,070 | 22.7% | 20.7% | ↑ | 20.8% | 28 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{^+} | 4,373 | 4,086 | 8.4% | 8.6% | ↓ | 8.0% | 89 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000) | 1,586 | 1,531 | 9.6 | 9.3 | ↑ | 7.6 | 98 |
| Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000) | 2,469 | 2,648 | 14.9 | 16.1 | ↓ | 10.2 | 113 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 892 | 651 | 42.3 | 32 | ↑ | 25.0 | 61 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^] | 515 | 424 | 3.1 | 2.6 | ↑ | 4.5 | 9 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Graduation rate | 6166 | 5993 | 73.7% | 85.9% | ↑ | 90.2% | 111 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{^#} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 3,100 | 4,368 | 37.3% | 51.6% | | 57.2% | |
| 8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 3,673 | 4,200 | 48.8% | 54.2% | | 57.6% | |
| 4th grade Math (MAP) | 3,747 | 3,704 | 47.1% | 44.6% | | 49.2% | |
| Algebra I (End of Course exam) | 4,045 | 4,500 | 55.6% | 58.7% | | 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 | 675,373 |
| | 2015 | 687,623 |
| Child population under 18 | 2011 | 164,465 |
| | 2015 | 165,286 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2011 | 24.3% |
| | 2015 | 24% |
| Child population under 6 | 2011 | 56,813 |
| | 2015 | 56,053 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2011 | 8.4% |
| | 2015 | 8.2% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2011 | 76,086 |
| | 2015 | 77,620 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2011 | 46.3% |
| | 2015 | 47% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2011 | 27,081 |
| | 2015 | 26,496 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of child population | 2011 | 16.5% |
| | 2015 | 16% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2006-2010 | 41.6% |
| | 2011-2015 | 42.7% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2006-2010 | 57.2% |
| | 2011-2015 | 56.2% |

Economic Well-being

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|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6 | 2006-2010 | 28.7% |
| | 2011-2015 | 32.1% |
| Children in poverty, ages 6-17 | 2006-2010 | 27.2% |
| | 2011-2015 | 25% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2006-2010 | 35.6% |
| | 2011-2015 | 35.1% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2006-2010 | 37.4% |
| | 2011-2015 | 40.9% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2011 | 45.1% |
| | 2015 | 40.9% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2006-2010 | \$51,866 |
| | 2011-2015 | \$52,670 |
| Adult unemployment | 2011 | 9.5% |
| | 2015 | 5.9% |
| Child homelessness | 2011 | 2.7% |
| | 2015 | 4.2% |

Education

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| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2011 | 140 |
| | 2016 | 166.2 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2011 | - |
| | 2016 | 14.4% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2011 | 93.5% |
| | 2015 | 94.1% |

Family & Community

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| Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 80.9 |
| | 2011-2015 | 62.7 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2006-2010 | 19.1% |
| | 2011-2015 | 19% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000) | 2011 | 21.7 |
| | 2015 | 14 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2011 | 5.1% |
| | 2015 | 2.6% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2011 | 6 |
| | 2015 | 4.8 |
| Children living in high poverty areas | 2006-2010 | 36.2% |
| | 2011-2015 | 37.9% |

Health

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| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2006-2010 | 8.1 |
| | 2011-2015 | 6 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 29.1 |
| | 2011-2015 | 24.5 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 21.4 |
| | 2011-2015 | 19.1 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 65.8 |
| | 2011-2015 | 52.9 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18* | 2006-2010 | 72.2% |
| | 2011-2015 | 53.8% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) | 2005-2009 | 13.1 |
| | 2010-2014 | 18.6 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2005-2009 | 91.2 |
| | 2010-2014 | 140.6 |
| Uninsured children | 2010 | 6.9% |
| | 2014 | 7.3% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2011 | 91.8% |
| | 2015 | 92.6% |

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