

# Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

County  
Composite  
Rank

2013  
**89**

2017  
**75**

Population: 118,596

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,124	6,631	24.2%	22.6%	↑	20.4%	43
Food insecurity for children*	7,210	6,310	25.2%	21%	↑	20.8%	32
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	601	593	6.6%	7%	↓	8.0%	35
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	293	246	9.7	8.2	↑	7.6	95
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	218	165	7.2	5.5	↑	10.2	63
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	209	157	53.4	40.8	↑	25.0	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	141	87	4.6	2.9	↑	4.5	14
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	1283	1257	80.6%	88.1%	↑	90.2%	104
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	752	970	45.2%	57.9%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	804	881	52.4%	54.8%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	932	807	56.2%	48.4%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	897	1,024	60.7%	58.8%		62.2%	

<sup>^</sup>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	117,853
	2015	118,596
Child population under 18	2011	30,354
	2015	30,156
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	25.6%
	2015	25.4%
Child population under 6	2011	10,615
	2015	9,931
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	9%
	2015	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2011	5,865
	2015	6,417
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	19.3%
	2015	21.3%
Minority child population under 6	2011	2,320
	2015	2,281
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	7.6%
	2015	7.6%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	34.2%
	2011-2015	30.9%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	63%
	2011-2015	67.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	31.6%
	2011-2015	26.3%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	24.2%
	2011-2015	22.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	32.3%
	2011-2015	30.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	45%
	2011-2015	41.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	42.8%
	2015	38.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$42,133
	2011-2015	\$48,391
Adult unemployment	2011	7.6%
	2015	4.2%
Child homelessness	2011	1%
	2015	2.2%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	72.1
	2016	96.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	0.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	95%
	2015	95.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	51.7
	2011-2015	49.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	18%
	2011-2015	14.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	49
	2015	32.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	3.3%
	2015	2.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	9.9
	2015	9.2
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	29.6%
	2011-2015	18.6%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	4.2
	2011-2015	5.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	22.8
	2011-2015	25.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	18.4
	2011-2015	22.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	45.4
	2011-2015	42.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	75%
	2011-2015	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	45.3
	2010-2014	30.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	73.2
	2010-2014	57.7
Uninsured children	2010	8.6%
	2014	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.7%
	2015	94.2%

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