

Carter County

County Seat: Van Buren

County
Composite
Rank

2014
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	602	488	40.4%	34.0%	↑	19.2%	101
Food insecurity for children ^b	400	360	26.6%	23.5%	↑	18.6%	94
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	42	32	11.2%	7.9%	↑	8.2%	63
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	46	28	30.0	18.5	↑	7.2	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}			2.6	2.6	↓	9.2	24
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	9	21.1	45.0	↓	23.3	106
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	5	15	3.4	10.3	↓	4.2	100
Education							
Graduation rate	102	103	91.9%	100.0%	↑	91.5%	1
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	29	56	29.6%	53.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	45	59	42.1%	56.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	47	40	45.2%	48.8%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	52	44	59.8%	37.3%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	6,263
	2016	6,168
Child population under 18	2012	1,485
	2016	1,450
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.7%
	2016	23.5%
Child population under 6	2012	482
	2016	417
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.7%
	2016	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2012	99
	2016	94
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	6.7%
	2016	6.5%
Minority child population under 6	2012	23
	2016	31
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	4.8%
	2016	7.4%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	33.5%
	2012-2016	26.7%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	66.4%
	2012-2016	72.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	31.8%
	2012-2016	36.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	40.4%
	2012-2016	31.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	22.1%
	2012-2016	22.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	62.5%
	2012-2016	47.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	56.8%
	2016	46.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$32,829
	2012-2016	\$52,361
Adult unemployment	2012	8.0%
	2016	7.0%
Child homelessness	2012	4.4%
	2016	7.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	88.9
	2017	75.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	39.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.1%
	2016	94.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	44.6
	2012-2016	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	7.4%
	2012-2016	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	47.4
	2016	37.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.3%
	2016	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	0.0
	2016	0.7
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	37.5%
	2012-2016	37.5%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	16.0
	2012-2016	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	49.3
	2012-2016	52.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	65.8
	2012-2016	66.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	0.0
	2012-2016	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	108.6
	2011-2015	105.6
Uninsured children	2011	10.6%
	2015	9.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	92.8%
	2016	93.6%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.