

Jackson County

County Seat: Independence

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	43,755	37,563	27.3%	23.2%	↑	19.2%	51
Food insecurity for children ^b	35,050	32,060	21.2%	19.5%	↑	18.6%	34
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	4,263	4,179	8.4%	8.8%	↓	8.2%	93
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	1,428	1,362	8.7	8.2	↑	7.2	87
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	2,448	2,434	14.9	14.7	↑	9.2	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	914	635	44.6	30.7	↑	23.3	69
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	516	493	3.1	3.0	↑	4.2	22
Education							
Graduation rate	6,319	6,494	83.5%	86.8%	↑	91.5%	113
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	3,191	4,789	39.2%	55.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	3,643	4,254	47.2%	54.6%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	3,754	3,886	47.2%	45.6%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	4,170	4,764	53.8%	59.2%		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	677,558
	2016	691,801
Child population under 18	2012	164,231
	2016	165,756
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.2%
	2016	24.0%
Child population under 6	2012	56,693
	2016	55,973
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.4%
	2016	8.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	76,045
	2016	77,690
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	46.3%
	2016	46.9%
Minority child population under 6	2012	27,029
	2016	26,097
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	47.7%
	2016	46.6%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	41.7%
	2012-2016	43.2%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	57.7%
	2012-2016	56.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	32.6%
	2012-2016	23.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	27.3%
	2012-2016	22.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	31.3%
	2012-2016	25.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	38.8%
	2012-2016	40.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	45.7%
	2016	40.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$52,749
	2012-2016	\$53,922
Adult unemployment	2012	7.7%
	2016	5.1%
Child homelessness	2012	3.1%
	2016	4.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	141.3
	2017	158.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	17.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.0%
	2016	94.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	78.2
	2012-2016	63.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	11.6%
	2012-2016	11.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	20.2
	2016	14.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	4.0%
	2016	2.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	7.2
	2016	5.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	34.1%
	2012-2016	34.3%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.5
	2012-2016	6.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	27.9
	2012-2016	25.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	19.1
	2012-2016	19.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	63.6
	2012-2016	58.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	64.3%
	2012-2016	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	14.6
	2011-2015	17.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	112.6
	2011-2015	139.2
Uninsured children	2011	7.3%
	2015	6.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	92.1%
	2016	92.9%

^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.