

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

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	7,031	6,481	24.6%	22.2%	↑	19.2%	45
Food insecurity for children ^b	7,280	5,690	24.2%	19.0%	↑	18.6%	27
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	595	585	6.6%	6.9%	↓	8.2%	31
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	282	268	9.3	8.9	↑	7.2	94
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	251	119	8.3	3.9	↑	9.2	45
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	202	151	53.9	38.6	↑	23.3	91
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	124	61	4.2	2.0	↑	4.2	9
Education							
Graduation rate	1,270	1,337	85.5%	89.6%	↑	91.5%	103
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	708	1,021	44.5%	61.5%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	852	962	55.4%	58.8%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	944	875	57.9%	52.8%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	717	1,103	54.1%	64.0%		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	115,423
	2016	119,111
Child population under 18	2012	29,419
	2016	30,109
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	25.5%
	2016	25.3%
Child population under 6	2012	10,184
	2016	9,983
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.8%
	2016	8.4%
Minority child population under 18	2012	5,783
	2016	6,313
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	19.7%
	2016	21.0%
Minority child population under 6	2012	2,234
	2016	2,195
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	21.9%
	2016	22.0%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	35.9%
	2012-2016	30.1%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	63.1%
	2012-2016	69.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	30.6%
	2012-2016	28.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	24.6%
	2012-2016	19.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	27.2%
	2012-2016	22.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	45.5%
	2012-2016	41.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	44.9%
	2016	39.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$43,625
	2012-2016	\$49,209
Adult unemployment	2012	5.9%
	2016	4.1%
Child homelessness	2012	5.8%
	2016	2.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	85.2
	2017	72.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.5%
	2016	95.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	51.6
	2012-2016	43.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	12.3%
	2012-2016	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	58.1
	2016	50.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.3%
	2016	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	10.3
	2016	6.2
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	32.2%
	2012-2016	32.6%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	4.0
	2012-2016	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	23.3
	2012-2016	20.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	26.2
	2012-2016	16.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	41.3
	2012-2016	37.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	80.0%
	2012-2016	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	39.9
	2011-2015	29.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	68.0
	2011-2015	64.7
Uninsured children	2011	10.2%
	2015	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.7%
	2016	94.3%

^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.