

Carter County

County Composite Rank

2015 **110**

2019 **112**

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County Seat: Van Buren

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	539	503	36.9%	35.0%	↑	18.5%	103
Food insecurity for children ^b	470	330	30.2%	21.6%	↑	17.4%	85
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	43	29	11.3%	7.3%	↑	8.4%	44
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	54	31	36.4	21.4	↑	7.1	115
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2	9	1.3	6.2	↓	8.0	91
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	9	66.7	45.7	↑	22.5	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	11	5	7.3	3.4	↑	3.3	41
Education							
Graduation rate	87	87	94.6%	93.5%	↓	91.0%	51
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		59		60.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		60		60.6%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		47		46.5%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	6,291
	2017	6,169
Child population under 18	2013	1,510
	2017	1,457
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.0%
	2017	23.6%
Child population under 6	2013	481
	2017	451
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.6%
	2017	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2013	104
	2017	103
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	6.9%
	2017	7.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	28
	2017	28
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	5.8%
	2017	6.2%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	36.4%
	2013-2017	29.5%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	63.6%
	2013-2017	68.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	34.4%
	2017	27.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	36.6%
	2017	33.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.2%
	2013-2017	25.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	60.3%
	2013-2017	36.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	50.9%
	2017	46.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$25,435
	2013-2017	\$57,500
Adult unemployment	2013	7.5%
	2017	6.0%
Child homelessness	2013	5.4%
	2017	10.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	81.5
	2018	67.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	43.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.0%
	2018	94.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	45.8
	2013-2017	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	8.2%
	2013-2017	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	18.8
	2017	12.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.3%
	2017	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.3
	2017	7.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	21.1
	2013-2017	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	52.0
	2013-2017	65.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	65.3
	2013-2017	82.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
	2013-2017	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	%
	2013-2017	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	11.2**
	2012-2016	24.2**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	127.2
	2012-2016	103.0
Uninsured children	2012	10.0%
	2016	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.1%
	2017	93.9%

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

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).