

Jackson County

County Composite Rank

2015 **105**

2019 **103**

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County Seat: Independence

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	38,803	33,528	24.3%	20.7%	↑	18.5%	39
Food insecurity for children ^b	33,700	30,760	20.4%	18.7%	↑	17.4%	42
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	4,156	4,249	8.3%	9.0%	↓	8.4%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	1,395	1,483	8.5	8.9	↓	7.1	93
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,928	2,098	17.8	12.7	↑	8.0	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	774	614	38.1	29.5	↑	22.5	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	492	321	3.0	1.9	↑	3.3	15
Education							
Graduation rate	5,840	6,350	81.9%	88.3%	↑	91.0%	104
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		4,888		56.4%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		4,437		55.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		4,107		47.1%		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	679,996
	2017	698,895
Child population under 18	2013	163,714
	2017	165,940
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.1%
	2017	23.7%
Child population under 6	2013	56,242
	2017	55,961
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.3%
	2017	8.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	76,220
	2017	78,130
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	46.5%
	2017	47.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	26,810
	2017	26,196
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	47.7%
	2017	46.8%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	42.6%
	2013-2017	42.4%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	56.5%
	2013-2017	56.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	25.2%
	2017	19.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	23.2%
	2017	20.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	34.6%
	2013-2017	30.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	39.2%
	2013-2017	38.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	43.6%
	2017	39.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$53,764
	2013-2017	\$57,164
Adult unemployment	2013	7.5%
	2017	4.4%
Child homelessness	2013	3.7%
	2017	4.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	140.2
	2018	149.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	15.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	93.9%
	2018	94.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	77.6
	2013-2017	65.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	11.7%
	2013-2017	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	12.4
	2017	13.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	3.7%
	2017	2.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	6.2
	2017	5.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.9
	2013-2017	6.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	26.2
	2013-2017	25.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.7
	2013-2017	19.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	60.0
	2013-2017	57.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	53.8%
	2013-2017	64.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	14.9
	2012-2016	17.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	135.2
	2012-2016	146.4
Uninsured children	2012	8.2%
	2016	5.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.3%
	2017	92.7%

^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).