

# Jasper County

County Composite Rank

2015 **95**

2019 **83**

Population: 120,217

County Seat: Carthage

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,240	7,018	25.3%	24.0%	↑	18.5%	70
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	6,970	5,490	23.2%	18.4%	↑	17.4%	36
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	594	582	6.7%	7.0%	↓	8.4%	29
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	316	183	10.7	6.1	↑	7.1	57
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	272	124	9.2	4.1	↑	8.0	57
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	182	142	48.5	36.0	↑	22.5	89
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	103	71	3.5	2.4	↑	3.3	22
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	1,277	1,225	87.6%	87.1%	↓	91.0%	112
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		1,072		61.0%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		852		54.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		877		52.9%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2012 and 2016.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

<sup>d</sup> 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	116,398
	2017	120,217
Child population under 18	2013	29,607
	2017	30,199
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.4%
	2017	25.1%
Child population under 6	2013	10,171
	2017	10,022
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.7%
	2017	8.3%
Minority child population under 18	2013	5,946
	2017	6,476
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	20.1%
	2017	21.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	2,221
	2017	2,305
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	21.8%
	2017	23.0%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	36.5%
	2013-2017	30.6%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	61.2%
	2013-2017	68.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	26.8%
	2017	28.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	23.7%
	2017	22.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	29.6%
	2013-2017	25.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	45.8%
	2013-2017	39.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	43.8%
	2017	38.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$43,112
	2013-2017	\$51,601
Adult unemployment	2013	5.7%
	2017	3.3%
Child homelessness	2013	2.9%
	2017	2.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	79.9
	2018	72.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.2%
	2018	95.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	44.8
	2013-2017	48.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	12.1%
	2013-2017	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	40.8
	2017	55.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.7%
	2017	2.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	8.7
	2017	7.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	4.4
	2013-2017	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.3
	2013-2017	23.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	22.2
	2013-2017	18.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	29.9
	2013-2017	48.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	35.1
	2012-2016	32.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	67.5
	2012-2016	71.1
Uninsured children	2012	9.1%
	2016	5.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.2%
	2017	94.5%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \* Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).