

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

Population: 124,075

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,616	7,262	22.7%	24.8%	↓	16.8%	89
Food insecurity for children ^a	5,430	4,460	18.1%	14.6%	↑	12.8%	69
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	582	640	7.0%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	68
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	226	186	7.5	6.2	↑	6.3	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	110	90	3.6	3.0	↑	5.1	56
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	138	125	35.6	30.2	↑	16.8	92
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	82	55	2.7	1.8	↑	2.7	18
Education							
High school graduation	1,345	1,432	87.2%	89.1%	↑	91.2%	99
Achievement proficiency ^c							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	847	700	49.4	43.5		41.0%	40
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	769	776	48.0	43.6		41.9%	38
4th grade math (MAP)	793	761	45.1	44.5		43.0%	44
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	619	620	42.6	38.4		41.2%	51

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^c Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	119,238	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	74.8
	2022	124,075		2023	61.0
Child population under 18	2018	30,127	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	30,134		2023	5.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	24.3%		2022	93.2
Child population under 6	2018	9,930	Family & Community		
	2022	9,409	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	48.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.2%		2018-2022	55.6
	2022	7.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	6,651		2018-2022	16.2%
	2022	7,797	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	40.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	22.1%		2022	9.1
	2022	25.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	2,398		2022	2.1%
	2022	2,640	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	24.1%		2022	6.4
	2022	28.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.2
	2018-2022	21.5%		2018-2022	5.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.4
	2018-2022	65.4%		2018-2022	33.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.0%		2018-2022	26.6
	2022	30.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	48.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.4%		2018-2022	64.3
	2022	23.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.9%		2018-2022	66.7%
	2018-2022	26.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	32.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	39.8%		2017-2021	46.6
	2018-2022	41.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	71.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	36.7%		2017-2021	125.7
	2022	32.8%	Uninsured children	2017	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$51,601		2021	6.8%
	2018-2022	\$\$60,629	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.7%		2022	91.1%
	2022	2.3%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	3.3%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	4.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		