Jefferson County

County Seat: Hillsboro

Population: 229,336

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,298	5,150	10.4%	10.3%	↑	16.8%	8
Food insecurity for children [a]	8,520	4,710	16.0%	9.0%	↑	12.8%	11
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	990	1,003	7.7%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	246	266	4.7	5.2	↓	6.3	56
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	213	131	4.1	2.6	↑	5.1	47
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	131	72	19.6	10.7	↑	16.8	15
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	143	184	2.8	3.6	↓	2.7	56
Education							
High school graduation	2,404	2,316	92.5%	89.4%	↓	91.2%	98
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,523	1,094	57.0	47.4		41.0%	22
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,343	1,195	51.1	45.8		41.9%	22
4th grade math (MAP)	1,439	1,225	55.4	52.4		43.0%	19
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	1,148	1,272	45.9	43.2		41.2%	31

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

Total population	2018	223,302
	2022	229,336
Child population under 18	2018	51,958
	2022	51,296
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.6%
	2022	22.4%
Child population under 6	2018	16,107
	2022	15,441
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%
	2022	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	3,583
	2022	5,134
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	6.9%
	2022	10.0%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	1,181
	2022	1,709
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	7.3%
	2022	11.1%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.5%
	2018-2022	22.7%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.7%
	2018-2022	69.8%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	8.2%
	2022	7.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	9.4%
	2022	9.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.1%
	2018-2022	20.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	28.2%
	2018-2022	22.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	23.2%
	2022	19.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$70,245
	2018-2022	$$94,007
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.4%
Child homelessness	2018	2.5%
	2022	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	64.3
	2023	58.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	12.3%
	2023	22.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.7
	2022	92.5

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	45.0
	2018-2022	55.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.8%
	2018-2022	12.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	33.9
	2022	31.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.9%
	2022	1.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.7
	2022	5.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.0
	2018-2022	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	16.2
	2018-2022	21.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	12.3
	2018-2022	17.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.0
	2018-2022	37.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	16.7%
	2018-2022	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	21
	2017-2021	21.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	95.3
	2017-2021	122.8
Uninsured children	2017	4.6%
	2021	4.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.9%
	2022	91.4%

[a] Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.
[b] If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).