

# Carter County

County Seat: Van Buren

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
**104**

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	523	495	35.4%	35.3%	↑	18.3%	107
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	410	270	26.8%	17.3%	↑	17.5%	28
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	43	25	11.0%	6.4%	↑	8.5%	14
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	48	21	31.4	14.4	↑	7.1	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	7	2	4.6	1.4	↑	7.5	11
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	10	15.9	54.3	↓	21.6	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	4	15	2.6	10.6	↓	4.0	102
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	85	80	97.7%	94.1%	↓	91.3%	53
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		41		55.4%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		41		53.9%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		49		50.5%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		17		15.3%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2013 and 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2014	6,258
	2018	6,197
Child population under 18	2014	1,548
	2018	1,420
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.0%
	2018	24.9%
Child population under 6	2014	474
	2018	477
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.6%
	2018	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	101
	2018	111
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	6.7%
	2018	7.8%
Minority child population under 6	2014	27
	2018	33
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	5.7%
	2018	6.9%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	25.3%
	2014-2018	33.4%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	70.9%
	2014-2018	65.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	38.4%
	2018	34.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	34.9%
	2014-2018	35.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	29.6%
	2014-2018	28.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	57.3%
	2014-2018	37.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	46.0%
	2018	46.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$29,216
	2014-2018	\$63,929
Adult unemployment	2014	8.7%
	2018	5.1%
Child homelessness	2014	5.8%
	2018	10.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	81.8
	2019	73.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	46.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.9%
	2018	95.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	46.9
	2014-2018	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	8.9%
	2014-2018	10.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	15.7
	2018	28.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	2.7
	2018	7.7

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	17.9
	2014-2018	2.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	78.6
	2014-2018	38.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	97.9
	2014-2018	44.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	0.0
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	20.0**
	2013-2017	11.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	101.9
	2013-2017	92.3
Uninsured children	2013	9.6%
	2017	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.7%
	2018	95.4%

<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)