

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

County
Composite
Rank

2016
92

2020
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Population: 119,238

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,330	6,616	25.2%	22.7%	↑	18.3%	63
Food insecurity for children ^b	6,730	5,430	22.5%	18.1%	↑	17.5%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	582	582	6.7%	7.1%	↓	8.5%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	275	226	9.2	7.5	↑	7.1	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	186	110	6.2	3.6	↑	7.5	59
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	161	138	42.4	35.6	↑	21.6	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	112	82	3.7	2.7	↑	4.0	23
Education							
High school graduation	1,275	1,345	88.3%	87.2%	↓	91.3%	110
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		847		49.4%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		769		48.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		793		45.1%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		619		42.6%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d 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	117,543
	2018	119,238
Child population under 18	2014	30,008
	2018	30,127
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	25.5%
	2018	25.2%
Child population under 6	2014	10,020
	2018	9,930
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.5%
	2018	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2014	6,191
	2018	6,651
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	20.7%
	2018	22.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	2,245
	2018	2,398
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	22.4%
	2018	24.1%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	35.4%
	2014-2018	32.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	62.4%
	2014-2018	66.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	31.1%
	2018	34.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	22.3%
	2014-2018	20.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	32.0%
	2014-2018	26.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.6%
	2014-2018	41.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	40.2%
	2018	36.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$44,206
	2014-2018	\$52,054
Adult unemployment	2014	5.3%
	2018	2.7%
Child homelessness	2014	2.2%
	2018	3.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	72.8
	2019	74.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.8%
	2018	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	42.9
	2014-2018	64.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.8%
	2014-2018	9.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	25.3
	2018	40.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.4%
	2018	2.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	10.4
	2018	6.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.6
	2014-2018	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	22.7
	2014-2018	25.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.8
	2014-2018	15.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	38.5
	2014-2018	59.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	18.5
	2013-2017	28
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	52.8
	2013-2017	69.8
Uninsured children	2013	7.9%
	2017	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.1%

^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)