

Jackson County

County Seat: Independence

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	37,563	26,612	23.2%	16.6%	↑	15.5%	36
Food insecurity for children ^b	32,060	26,830	19.5%	16.3%	↑	15.1%	54
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	4,086	4,274	8.6%	9.4%	↓	8.7%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	1,362	1,582	8.2	9.6	↓	7.1	106
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,434	1,537	14.7	9.4	↑	6.2	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	635	480	30.7	23	↑	18.8	63
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	493	301	3	1.8	↑	3.2	12
Education							
High school graduation	6,494	6,502	86.8%	88.6%	↑	91.3%	105
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	691,801
	2020	700,733
Child population under 18	2016	165,756
	2020	164,090
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24%
	2020	23.2%
Child population under 6	2016	55,973
	2020	54,211
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8.1%
	2020	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	77,690
	2020	78,518
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	46.9%
	2020	47.9%
Minority child population under 6	2016	26,097
	2020	26,076
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	46.6%
	2020	48.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	43.2%
	2016-2020	32.4%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	56.4%
	2016-2020	58.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	23%
	2020	21%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	25%
	2016-2020	15.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	35.1%
	2016-2020	30.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	40.9%
	2016-2020	33.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	40.2%
	2020	37%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$52,670
	2016-2020	\$69,582
Adult unemployment	2016	5.1%
	2020	7.1%
Child homelessness	2016	4.3%
	2020	4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	158.3
	2021	142.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	17.8%
	2021	17.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.4%
	2020	93.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	62.7
	2016-2020	76.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	11.28%
	2016-2020	9.71%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	14.6
	2020	8.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.7%
	2020	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	5.9
	2020	4.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	6
	2016-2020	6.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	24.5
	2016-2020	27.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.1
	2016-2020	14.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	52.9
	2016-2020	70
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	53.8%
	2016-2020	73.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	18.6
	2015-2019	20
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	140.6
	2015-2019	134
Uninsured children	2015	6%
	2019	7.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	92.9%
	2020	92.2%

^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).