

# Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

County  
Composite  
Rank

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2019

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2023

Population: 123,155

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,018	5,715	24.0%	19.3%	↑	16.5%	44
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	5,490	5,220	18.4%	17.4%	↑	15.4%	60
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	585	610	6.9%	7.8%	↓	8.8%	58
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	183	134	6.1	4.4	↑	5.0	57
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	124	64	4.1	2.1	↑	3.6	51
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	142	110	36.0	26.7	↑	17.0	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	71	84	2.4	2.8	↓	3.0	28
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	1,225	1,319	87.1%	86.3%	↓	90.8%	110
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	714	—	42.2		41.4%	52
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	787	—	47.6		44.9%	36
4th grade math (MAP)	—	741	—	43.7		36.8%	30
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	569	—	34.8		26.8%	40

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<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 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	120,217	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	72.7
	2020	123,155		2022	55.0
Child population under 18	2017	30,199	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	30,413		2022	4.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	25.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.6
	2021	24.7%		2021	93.8
Child population under 6	2017	10,022	Family & Community		
	2021	9,501	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	43.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.3%		2017-2021	45.1
	2021	7.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.0%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	6,476		2017-2021	15.1%
	2021	7,741	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	55.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	21.4%		2021	11.5
	2021	25.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.9%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	2,305		2021	3.6%
	2021	2,619	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	23.0%		2021	7.0
	2021	27.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.8
	2017-2021	22.6%		2017-2021	4.9
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.1
	2017-2021	66.6%		2017-2021	34.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	16.8
Children in poverty under 6	2017	28.5%		2017-2021	26.2
	2021	17.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	37.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	22.1%		2017-2021	72.4
	2017-2021	18.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	25.9%		2017-2021	66.7%
	2017-2021	26.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	29.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	39.8%		2016-2020	42.4
	2017-2021	40.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	76.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	38.6%		2016-2020	123.1
	2021	32.4%	Uninsured children	2016	5.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$51,601		2020	8.2%
	2017-2021	\$56,422	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.5%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.3%		2021	92.2%
	2021	3.7%			
Child homelessness	2017	2.9%			
	2021	2.6%			

<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).