

Jefferson County

County
Composite
Rank

14 ²⁰¹⁹

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County Seat: Hillsboro

Population: 227,771

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,183	5,585	14.0%	11.0%	↑	16.5%	8
Food insecurity for children ^b	8,550	6,800	16.0%	13.0%	↑	15.4%	15
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	972	1,014	7.4%	8.2%	↓	8.8%	67
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	279	219	5.3	4.2	↑	5.0	50
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	221	109	4.2	2.1	↑	3.6	50
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	116	80	17.1	11.9	↑	17.0	16
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	170	131	3.2	2.5	↑	3.0	24
Education							
High school graduation	2,482	2,286	92.2%	89.6%	↓	90.8%	93
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	1,070	—	46.8		41.4%	37
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	1,328	—	50.2		44.9%	21
4th grade math (MAP)	—	1,001	—	43.8		36.8%	29
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	562	—	24.4		26.8%	83

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d 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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2023

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	223,810
	2020	227,771
Child population under 18	2017	52,350
	2021	51,849
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.4%
	2021	22.8%
Child population under 6	2017	16,142
	2021	15,655
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	3,508
	2021	5,049
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.7%
	2021	9.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	1,150
	2021	1,676
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.1%
	2021	10.7%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	29.5%
	2017-2021	22.1%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	69.7%
	2017-2021	68.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	21.2%
	2021	12.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	12.1%
	2017-2021	9.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.1%
	2017-2021	20.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	28.2%
	2017-2021	22.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	23.5%
	2021	20.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$70,245
	2017-2021	\$85,452
Adult unemployment	2017	3.6%
	2021	4.1%
Child homelessness	2017	2.8%
	2021	1.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	65.5
	2022	55.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	12.3%
	2022	13.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.0
	2021	94.3

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	41.7
	2017-2021	29.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.4%
	2017-2021	12.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	31.4
	2021	20.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.5%
	2021	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	6.7
	2021	4.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.0
	2017-2021	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	19.1
	2017-2021	21.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	15.8
	2017-2021	16.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	34.6
	2017-2021	44.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	16.7%
	2017-2021	42.9%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	23.9
	2016-2020	20.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	92.0
	2016-2020	115.7
Uninsured children	2016	4.3%
	2020	6.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.2%
	2021	93.2%

^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 happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).