Jasper County
County Seat: Carthage

County Composite Rank

83 2020   **98** 2024

Population: 124,075

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,616	7,262	22.7%	24.8%	↓	16.8%	89
Food insecurity for children [b]	5,430	4,460	18.1%	14.6%	↑	12.8%	69
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	582	640	7.0%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	68
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	226	186	7.5	6.2	↑	6.3	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	110	90	3.6	3.0	↑	5.1	56
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	138	125	35.6	30.2	↑	16.8	92
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	82	55	2.7	1.8	↑	2.7	18
Education							
High school graduation	1,345	1,432	87.2%	89.1%	↑	91.2%	99
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	847	700	49.4	43.5		41.0%	40
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	769	776	48.0	43.6		41.9%	38
4th grade math (MAP)	793	761	45.1	44.5		43.0%	44
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	619	620	42.6	38.4		41.2%	51

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

[a] Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

[b] Data based on 2017 and 2021.

[c] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

[d] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	119,238
	2021	124,075
Child population under 18	2018	30,127
	2022	30,134
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	25.2%
	2022	24.3%
Child population under 6	2018	9,930
	2022	9,409
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.2%
	2022	7.6%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	6,651
	2022	7,797
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	22.1%
	2022	25.9%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	2,398
	2022	2,640
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	24.1%
	2022	28.1%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.6%
	2018-2022	21.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.2%
	2018-2022	65.4%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.0%
	2022	30.0%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.4%
	2022	23.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.9%
	2018-2022	26.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	39.8%
	2018-2022	41.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	36.7%
	2022	32.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$51,601
	2018-2022	$$60,629
Adult unemployment	2018	2.7%
	2022	2.3%
Child homelessness	2018	3.3%
	2022	4.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	74.8
	2023	61.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	5.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	93.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	48.0
	2018-2022	55.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.1%
	2018-2022	16.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	40.8
	2022	9.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.1%
	2022	2.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	6.0
	2022	6.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.2
	2018-2022	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.4
	2018-2022	33.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.4
	2018-2022	26.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	48.5
	2018-2022	64.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	32.9
	2017-2021	46.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	71.1
	2017-2021	125.7
Uninsured children	2017	6.3%
	2021	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.1%
	2022	91.1%

[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 occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).