

Jefferson County

County Seat: Hillsboro

County
Composite
Rank

14²⁰²⁰

18²⁰²⁴

Population: 229,336

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2022 | 2018 | 2022 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 5,298 | 5,150 | 10.4% | 10.3% | ↑ | 16.8% | 8 |
| Food insecurity for children ^b | 8,520 | 4,710 | 16.0% | 9.0% | ↑ | 12.8% | 11 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{a, c} | 990 | 1,003 | 7.7% | 8.2% | ↓ | 8.9% | 69 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c | 246 | 266 | 4.7 | 5.2 | ↓ | 6.3 | 56 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b | 213 | 131 | 4.1 | 2.6 | ↑ | 5.1 | 47 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 131 | 72 | 19.6 | 10.7 | ↑ | 16.8 | 15 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a | 143 | 184 | 2.8 | 3.6 | ↓ | 2.7 | 56 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 2,404 | 2,316 | 92.5% | 89.4% | ↓ | 91.2% | 98 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{a, d} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 1,523 | 1,094 | 57.0 | 47.4 | | 41.0% | 22 |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP) | 1,343 | 1,195 | 51.1 | 45.8 | | 41.9% | 22 |
| 4th grade math (MAP) | 1,439 | 1,225 | 55.4 | 52.4 | | 43.0% | 19 |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam) | 1,148 | 1,272 | 45.9 | 43.2 | | 41.2% | 31 |

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.

Jefferson County

County Seat: Hillsboro

County
Composite
Rank

2020
14

2024
18

Population: 229,336

Contextual Indicators

| Demographics | | | Education | | |
|---|-----------|------------|---|-----------|-------|
| Total population | 2018 | 223,302 | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2018 | 64.3 |
| | 2021 | 229,336 | | 2023 | 58.3 |
| Child population under 18 | 2018 | 51,958 | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2018 | 12.3% |
| | 2022 | 51,296 | | 2023 | 22.9% |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2018 | 23.6% | School attendance, grades K-12 | 2018 | 94.7 |
| | 2022 | 22.4% | | 2022 | 92.5 |
| Child population under 6 | 2018 | 16,107 | Family & Community | | |
| | 2022 | 15,441 | Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2013-2017 | 45.0 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2018 | 7.2% | | 2018-2022 | 55.2 |
| | 2022 | 6.7% | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2013-2017 | 9.8% |
| Minority child population under 18 ^a | 2018 | 3,583 | | 2018-2022 | 12.2% |
| | 2022 | 5,134 | Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2018 | 33.9 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a | 2018 | 6.9% | | 2022 | 31.2 |
| | 2022 | 10.0% | Annual high school dropout rate | 2018 | 1.9% |
| Minority child population under 6 ^a | 2018 | 1,181 | | 2022 | 1.6% |
| | 2022 | 1,709 | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2018 | 6.7 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a | 2018 | 7.3% | | 2022 | 5.7 |
| | 2022 | 11.1% | Health | | |
| Children in single-parent families | 2013-2017 | 29.5% | Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2013-2017 | 5.0 |
| | 2018-2022 | 22.7% | | 2018-2022 | 4.9 |
| Children in married-parent families | 2013-2017 | 69.7% | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2017 | 16.2 |
| | 2018-2022 | 69.8% | | 2018-2022 | 21.3 |
| Economic Well-being | | | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2013-2017 | 12.3 |
| Children under 6 in families in poverty | 2018 | 8.2% | | 2018-2022 | 17.3 |
| | 2022 | 7.7% | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2017 | 35.0 |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty | 2018 | 9.4% | | 2018-2022 | 37.6 |
| | 2022 | 9.6% | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b | 2013-2017 | 16.7% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2013-2017 | 24.1% | | 2018-2022 | 50.0% |
| | 2018-2022 | 20.6% | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c | 2012-2016 | 21.0 |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2013-2017 | 28.2% | | 2017-2021 | 21.3 |
| | 2018-2022 | 22.1% | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2012-2016 | 95.3 |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2018 | 23.2% | | 2017-2021 | 122.8 |
| | 2022 | 19.9% | Uninsured children | 2017 | 4.6% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2013-2017 | \$\$70,245 | | 2021 | 4.8% |
| | 2018-2022 | \$\$94,007 | School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2018 | 93.9% |
| Adult unemployment | 2018 | 3.1% | | 2022 | 91.4% |
| | 2022 | 2.4% | ^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). | | |
| Child homelessness | 2018 | 2.5% | | | |
| | 2022 | 1.4% | | | |