

# Carter County

County Seat: Van Buren

Population: 5,303

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	399	376	29.4%	30.0%	↓	14.7%	110
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	300	320	19.3%	27.3%	↓	18.7%	111
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>b</sup>	19	36	6.0%	9.0%	↓	8.9%	87
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	13	16	9.4	12.5	↓	7.1	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	3	2	2.2	1.6	↑	5.5	23
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	5	39.8	30.9	↑	15.9	97
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	18	13	13.1	10.2	↑	2.9	106
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	89	75	97.8%	100.0%	↑	91.3%	1
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	31	36	41.3%	39.6%	↓	42.2%	71
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	28	41	34.6%	46.1%	↑	42.3%	21
4th grade math (MAP)	36	51	46.2%	50.0%	↑	43.7%	23
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	15	30	15.8%	33.3%	↑	40.1%	76

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2018 and 2022.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	5,982	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	73.9
	2022	5,303		2024	32.9
Child population under 18	2019	1,379	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	46.7%
	2023	1,277		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.9
	2023	24.1%		2023	92.9
Child population under 6	2019	450	Family & Community		
	2023	424	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.5%		2019-2023	245.4
	2023	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	10.5%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2019	125		2019-2023	25.6%
	2023	116	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	27.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	9.1%		2023	35.9
	2023	9.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2019	45		2023	0.8%
	2023	36	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	10.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	10.0%		2023	12.5
	2023	8.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	33.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	2.6
	2019-2023	29.2%		2019-2023	10.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	65.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	38.9
	2019-2023	33.7%		2019-2023	66.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	44.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	35.4%		2019-2023	20.5
	2023	37.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	31.5%		2019-2023	270.3
	2023	31.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	28.6%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	32.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2017	11.0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	37.4%		2018-2022	30.8**
	2019-2023	58.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	92.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	44.6%		2018-2022	7.1
	2023	50.6%	Uninsured children	2018	7.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$63,929		2022	7.2%
	2019-2023	\$55,423	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	95.2%
Adult unemployment	2019	4.9%		2023	92.0%
	2023	4.4%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	10.9%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.5%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		