

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

Population: 125,056

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	7,719	5,382	26.6%	18.1%	↑	14.7%	54
Food insecurity for children ^a	4,720	6,130	15.7%	20.3%	↓	18.7%	76
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	455	642	7.0%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	65
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	152	220	5.1	7.2	↓	7.1	84
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	95	99	3.2	3.2	↓	5.5	64
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	152	122	38.3	28.1	↑	15.9	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	80	42	2.7	1.4	↑	2.9	17
Education							
High school graduation	1,333	1,386	90.2%	79.3%	↓	91.3%	111
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	795	727	48.8%	44.5%	↓	42.2%	38
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	746	776	45.3%	46.2%	↑	42.3%	20
4th grade math (MAP)	856	751	48.9%	46.3%	↓	43.7%	38
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	632	862	39.9%	42.2%	↑	40.1%	35

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b 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	121,328	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	74.8
	2022	125,056		2024	58.5
Child population under 18	2019	29,973	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	3.2%
	2023	30,541		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	24.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.9
	2023	24.4%		2023	93.5
Child population under 6	2019	9,716	Family & Community		
	2023	9,510	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	64.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	8.0%		2019-2023	32.0
	2023	7.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	6,620		2019-2023	16.8%
	2023	8,237	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	31.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	22.1%		2023	9.3
	2023	27.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	2,323		2023	2.4%
	2023	2,724	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	10.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	23.9%		2023	5.3
	2023	28.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	32.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.9
	2019-2023	23.7%		2019-2023	5.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	66.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	25.3
	2019-2023	64.2%		2019-2023	28.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	15.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	24.4%		2019-2023	25.6
	2023	23.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	59.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	25.8%		2019-2023	39.7
	2023	16.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	26.6%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	27.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	28
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	41.8%		2018-2022	46
	2019-2023	40.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	69.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	35.6%		2018-2022	12.2
	2023	33.3%	Uninsured children	2018	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$52,054		2022	5.5%
	2019-2023	\$65,471	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.7%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.0%		2023	92.4%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	3.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	4.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		