

Jefferson County

County Seat: Hillsboro

Population: 231,230

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,679	5,480	11.3%	10.9%	↑	14.7%	9
Food insecurity for children ^a	6,640	6,640	12.6%	12.8%	↓	18.7%	5
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	800	985	7.8%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	64
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	379	313	7.4	6.1	↑	7.1	60
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	217	174	4.2	3.4	↑	5.5	70
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	90	70	13.5	10.1	↑	15.9	23
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	142	157	2.8	3.0	↓	2.9	47
Education							
High school graduation	2,369	2,417	92.8%	88.9%	↓	91.3%	100
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,364	1,219	54.5%	49.2%	↓	42.2%	17
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,405	1,282	53.2%	45.0%	↓	42.3%	26
4th grade math (MAP)	1,506	1,295	56.3%	53.4%	↓	43.7%	14
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	1,179	1,408	48.0%	43.9%	↓	40.1%	26

^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	225,081	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	64.3
	2022	231,230		2024	60.1
Child population under 18	2019	51,532	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	11.8%
	2023	51,611		2024	24.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.8
	2023	22.3%		2023	93.1
Child population under 6	2019	15,752	Family & Community		
	2023	15,303	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	46.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.0%		2019-2023	44.1
	2023	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	3,683		2019-2023	11.6%
	2023	5,520	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	27.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	7.1%		2023	37.0
	2023	10.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	1,190		2023	2.3%
	2023	1,769	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	5.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	7.6%		2023	3.7
	2023	11.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	29.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	5.3
	2019-2023	21.7%		2019-2023	4.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	69.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	16.7
	2019-2023	70.9%		2019-2023	19.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	11.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	9.4%		2019-2023	17.2
	2023	10.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	30.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	10.1%		2019-2023	28.6
	2023	10.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	16.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	23.7%		2019-2023	50.0%
	2019-2023	20.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	18.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	26.7%		2018-2022	21.1
	2019-2023	23.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	83.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	21.9%		2018-2022	12.2
	2023	19.1%	Uninsured children	2018	5.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$73,114		2022	4.8%
	2019-2023	\$99,003	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.1%		2023	92.4%
	2023	2.8%			
Child homelessness	2019	2.5%			
	2023	1.4%			

^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).