

# Jackson County

County Seat: Independence

Population: 727,362

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	26,612	30,971	16.6%	19.0%	↓	15.3%	63
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	26,830	35,560	16.3%	21.1%	↓	18.1%	83
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	4,274	4,272	9.4%	10.0%	↓	8.9%	101
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	1,537	1,538	9.4	9.2	↑	5.4	113
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	480	437	23.0	19.2	↑	15.9	56
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	301	303	1.8	1.8	↓	2.9	23
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	6,502	6,806	88.6%	90.0%	↑	92.1%	99
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	4,789	2,741	55.3%	34.7%	↓	41.6%	87
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	4,254	2,978	54.6%	36.4%	↓	42.1%	67
4th grade math (MAP)	3,886	2,946	45.6%	36.5%	↓	44.5%	88
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	4,764	2,955	59.2%	35.1%	↓	41.5%	66

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	700,733	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	142.2
	2023	727,362		2025	134.6
Child population under 18	2020	164,090	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	17.9%
	2024	166,563		2025	17.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.6
	2024	22.9%		2024	90.7
Child population under 6	2020	54,211	Family & Community		
	2024	52,814	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	76.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.7%		2020-2024	105.9
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	78,518		2020-2024	16.5%
	2024	88,142	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	8.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	47.9%		2024	14.1
	2024	52.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.9%
Minority child population under 6	2020	26,076		2024	1.8%
	2024	28,765	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	4.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	48.1%		2024	2.0
	2024	54.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	32.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.4
	2020-2024	31.3%		2020-2024	7.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	58.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.6
	2020-2024	58.7%		2020-2024	35.6
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Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	21.0%		2020-2024	22.3
	2024	26.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	70.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	15.8%		2020-2024	93.2
	2024	16.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	73.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	30.6%		2020-2024	89.5%
	2020-2024	33.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	20.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	33.7%		2019-2023	22.7
	2020-2024	33.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	134.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	37.0%		2019-2023	138.3
	2024	35.1%	Uninsured children	2019	7.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$69,582		2023	5.8%
	2020-2024	\$84,691	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.2%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	7.1%		2024	88.5%
	2023	3.4%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.0%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.7%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		