

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

Population: 126,479

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,482	4,990	18.9%	16.7%	↑	15.3%	50
Food insecurity for children ^a	4,870	6,430	16.2%	21.0%	↓	18.1%	82
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	562	639	7.1%	8.2%	↓	8.9%	64
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	110	99	3.7	3.2	↑	5.4	65
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	114	118	28.4	27.1	↑	15.9	86
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	91	69	3.1	2.2	↑	2.9	30
Education							
High school graduation	1,377	1,444	89.4%	91.9%	↑	92.1%	87
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	1,021	754	61.5%	46.8%	↓	41.6%	25
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	962	685	58.8%	42.5%	↓	42.1%	39
4th grade math (MAP)	875	738	52.8%	44.6%	↓	44.5%	55
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	1,103	827	64.0%	44.6%	↓	41.5%	26

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	120,528	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	65.8
	2023	126,479		2025	63.3
Child population under 18	2020	29,808	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	3.4%
	2024	30,687		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	24.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.6
	2024	24.3%		2024	93.5
Child population under 6	2020	9,520	Family & Community		
	2024	9,603	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	65.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.8%		2020-2024	38.3
	2024	7.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	6,681		2020-2024	17.8%
	2024	8,580	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	9.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	22.4%		2024	19.0
	2024	28.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.9%
Minority child population under 6	2020	2,331		2024	0.8%
	2024	2,928	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	24.5%		2024	5.1
	2024	30.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	21.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.7
	2020-2024	24.2%		2020-2024	4.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	66.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	32.6
	2020-2024	66.6%		2020-2024	27.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	25.9%		2020-2024	24.7
	2024	19.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	73.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	17.6%		2020-2024	39.4
	2024	15.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	26.1%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	27.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	32.3
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	41.4%		2019-2023	41.4
	2020-2024	38.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	76.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	35.2%		2019-2023	121.0
	2024	34.0%	Uninsured children	2019	8.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$52,520		2023	6.6%
	2020-2024	\$70,778	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.7%		2024	92.8%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	4.4%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		