

Jefferson County

County Seat: Hillsboro

Population: 231,888

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2024 | 2020 | 2024 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 5,357 | 5,526 | 10.6% | 11.1% | ↓ | 15.3% | 13 |
| Food insecurity for children ^a | 6,140 | 7,230 | 11.7% | 13.9% | ↓ | 18.1% | 8 |
| Health^b | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^c | 997 | 978 | 7.9% | 8.2% | ↓ | 8.9% | 65 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a | 213 | 207 | 4.1 | 4.1 | ↑ | 5.4 | 84 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 99 | 71 | 15.0 | 10.3 | ↑ | 15.9 | 20 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) | 138 | 173 | 2.7 | 3.4 | ↓ | 2.9 | 60 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 2,270 | 2,542 | 91.8% | 88.9% | ↓ | 92.1% | 105 |
| Achievement proficiency | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 1,937 | 1,101 | 72.0% | 46.4% | ↓ | 41.6% | 27 |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP) | 1,676 | 1,236 | 65.6% | 44.8% | ↓ | 42.1% | 32 |
| 4th grade math (MAP) | 1,645 | 1,339 | 63.1% | 53.1% | ↓ | 44.5% | 19 |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam) | 1,806 | 1,242 | 64.0% | 44.5% | ↓ | 41.5% | 28 |

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 | 224,777 | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2020 | 63.1 |
| | 2023 | 231,888 | | 2025 | 63.4 |
| Child population under 18 | 2020 | 51,470 | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2020 | 12.0% |
| | 2024 | 50,665 | | 2025 | 23.7% |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2020 | 22.7% | School attendance, grades K-12 | 2020 | 94.4 |
| | 2024 | 21.9% | | 2024 | 93.5 |
| Child population under 6 | 2020 | 15,795 | Family & Community | | |
| | 2024 | 14,658 | Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2013-2019 | 52.5 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2020 | 7.0% | | 2020-2024 | 45.3 |
| | 2024 | 6.3% | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2013-2019 | 9.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2020 | 3,760 | | 2020-2024 | 11.8% |
| | 2024 | 5,644 | Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2020 | 19.2 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2020 | 7.3% | | 2024 | 38.2 |
| | 2024 | 11.1% | Annual high school dropout rate | 2020 | 1.2% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2020 | 1,247 | | 2024 | 1.8% |
| | 2024 | 1,764 | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2020 | 5.4 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population | 2020 | 7.9% | | 2024 | 3.7 |
| | 2024 | 12.0% | Health | | |
| Children in single-parent families | 2013-2019 | 22.4% | Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2013-2019 | 5.9 |
| | 2020-2024 | 22.0% | | 2020-2024 | 4.4 |
| Children in married-parent families | 2013-2019 | 70.0% | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2019 | 21.2 |
| | 2020-2024 | 70.0% | | 2020-2024 | 20.2 |
| Economic Well-being | | | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2013-2019 | 12.9 |
| Children under 6 in families in poverty | 2020 | 13.2% | | 2020-2024 | 17.5 |
| | 2024 | 14.5% | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2019 | 43.9 |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty | 2020 | 9.5% | | 2020-2024 | 30.6 |
| | 2024 | 10.6% | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b | 2013-2019 | 33.3% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2013-2019 | 21.2% | | 2020-2024 | 55.6% |
| | 2020-2024 | 21.1% | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c | 2012-2018 | 17.1 |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2013-2019 | 22.8% | | 2019-2023 | 12 |
| | 2020-2024 | 24.2% | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2012-2018 | 92.0 |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2020 | 22.2% | | 2019-2023 | 120.6 |
| | 2024 | 19.4% | Uninsured children | 2019 | 5.4% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2013-2019 | \$79,955 | | 2023 | 4.8% |
| | 2020-2024 | \$105,365 | School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2020 | 93.5% |
| Adult unemployment ^a | 2020 | 6.1% | | 2024 | 93.1% |
| | 2023 | 2.8% | ^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026. | | |
| Child homelessness | 2020 | 5.9% | ^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period. | | |
| | 2024 | 1.1% | ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases). | | |