Jackson County
County Seat: Independence

County Composite Rank

2016 **103** 2020 **103**

Population: 692,003

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	37,672	30,541	23.5%	19.0%	↑	18.3%	32
Food insecurity for children[b]	34,640	29,810	21.1%	18.1%	↑	17.5%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants[a,c]	4,084	4,310	8.4%	9.2%	↓	8.5%	96
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000)[b,c]	1,487	1,591	9.0	9.6	↓	7.1	104
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000)[b]	2,376	2,130	14.4	12.8	↑	7.5	114
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	705	560	35.0	26.8	↑	21.6	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)[a]	511	409	3.1	2.5	↑	4.0	15
Education							
High school graduation	5,859	6,432	83.7%	88.7%	↑	91.3%	101
Achievement proficiency[a,d] 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		3,721		43.1%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		3,592		45.7%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		3,541		40.7%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		3,229		43.2%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

[a] Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

[b] Data based on 2013 and 2017.

[c] Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

[d] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	683,191
	2018	692,003
Child population under 18	2014	164,324
	2018	164,979
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.1%
	2018	23.8%
Child population under 6	2014	56,080
	2018	55,649
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.2%
	2018	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	76,953
	2018	77,638
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	46.8%
	2018	47.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	26,663
	2018	25,964
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	47.5%
	2018	46.7%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	42.2%
	2014-2018	42.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	56.4%
	2014-2018	56.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	28.6%
	2018	18.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	20.8%
	2014-2018	17.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	36.4%
	2014-2018	31.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	40.4%
	2014-2018	37.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	41.6%
	2018	38.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	$53,125
	2014-2018	$61,082
Adult unemployment	2014	7.1%
	2018	3.7%
Child homelessness	2014	4.1%
	2018	4.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	146.4
	2019	144.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	14.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.1%
	2018	93.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	66.9
	2014-2018	72.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.1%
	2014-2018	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	15.7
	2018	14.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	5.1%
	2018	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.9
	2018	5.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	6.3
	2014-2018	6.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	24.7
	2014-2018	26.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.7
	2014-2018	16.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	51.4
	2014-2018	66.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18[a]	2009-2013	46.2%
	2014-2018	65.4%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)[b]	2008-2012	10.7
	2013-2017	14.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	116.2
	2013-2017	133.8
Uninsured children	2013	7.1%
	2017	5.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	92.2%
	2018	92.6%

[a] *If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.*

[b] **Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)*