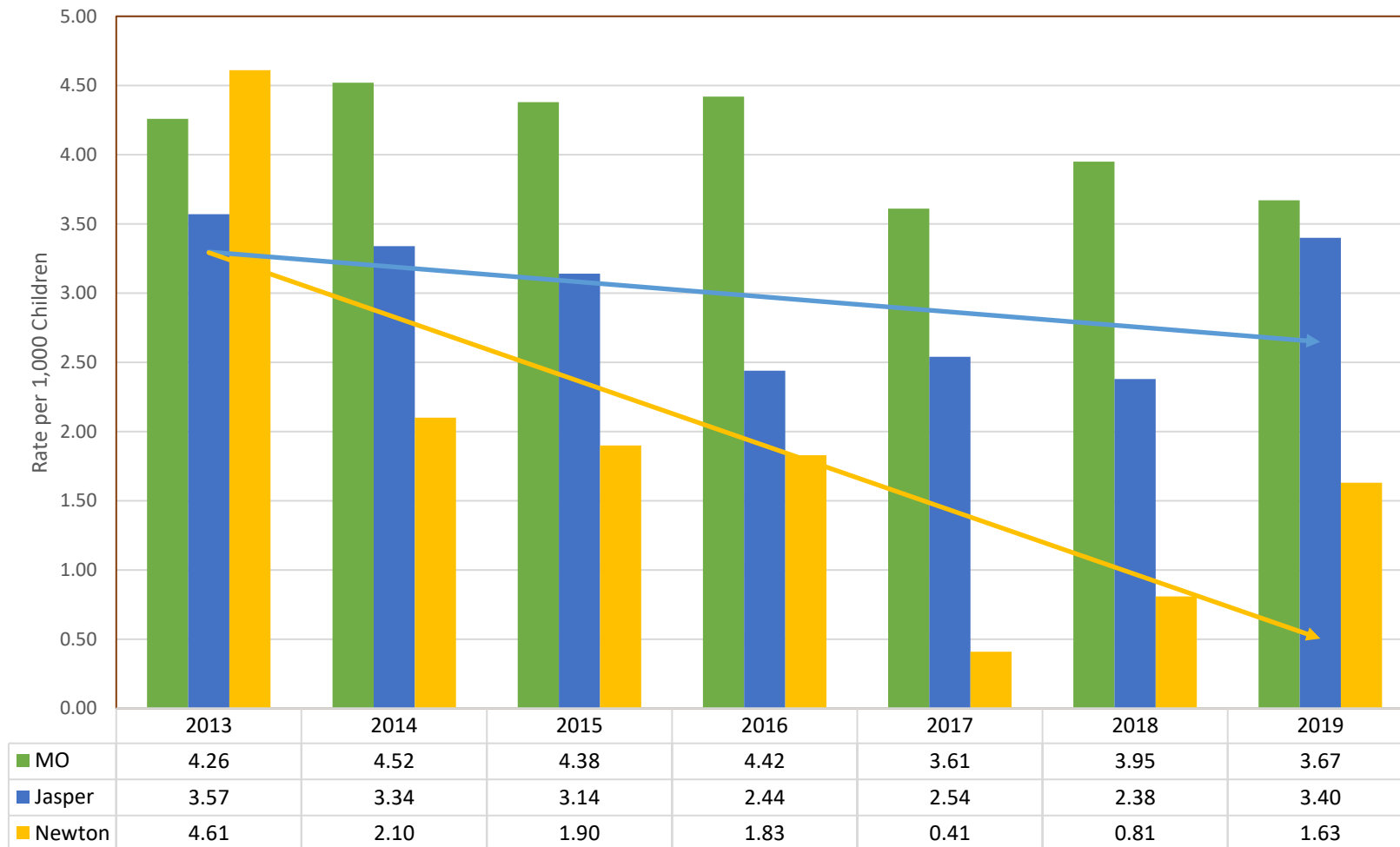


Rate of Substantiated Child Abuse/Neglect



<https://dss.mo.gov/re/canar.htm> Appendix B: Reported Children by Conclusion

Missouri ranks 7th in the nation for Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect and is in the 1st Quartile.

Each state has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that are based on standards set by federal law. National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System NCANDS tracks data in order to compare states to states. However, it should not be used to compare US, state and county level data as the data is analyzed to normalize all state reports and reporting timelines and variances into one national report.