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In 1993 Jackson and Wormald conjectured that if  $G$  is a 3-connected  $n$ -vertex graph with maximum degree  $d \geq 4$  then  $G$  has a cycle of length  $\Omega(n^{\log_{d-1} 2})$ . We show that there exists a positive integer  $d_0$  such that the conjecture is true for all  $d \geq d_0$ . (Received September 18, 2006)