

# St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 998,581

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	39,912	27,652	17.8%	12.6%	↑	19.2%	6
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	36,210	35,190	15.4%	15.5%	↓	18.6%	6
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	5,406	5,277	9.0%	9.1%	↓	8.2%	97
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	2,007	1,609	8.7	7.2	↑	7.2	79
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	3,647	3,380	15.8	15.2	↑	9.2	114
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	648	463	19.4	14.6	↑	23.3	14
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	459	461	2.0	2.1	↓	4.2	10
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	10,646	10,138	91.0%	92.6%	↑	91.5%	82
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>a,e</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	5,005	6,651	49.2%	62.6%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	6,040	6,490	56.1%	62.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	5,446	5,542	52.9%	53.1%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	6,519	6,769	58.5%	71.7%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2011 and 2015.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

<sup>d</sup> If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

<sup>e</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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2014  
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2018  
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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	1,000,775
	2016	998,581
Child population under 18	2012	228,196
	2016	221,665
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	22.8%
	2016	22.2%
Child population under 6	2012	70,516
	2016	70,399
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.0%
	2016	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2012	90,379
	2016	91,697
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	39.6%
	2016	41.4%
Minority child population under 6	2012	29,388
	2016	29,731
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	41.7%
	2016	42.2%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	34.1%
	2012-2016	34.0%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	65.6%
	2012-2016	65.7%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	20.5%
	2012-2016	14.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	17.8%
	2012-2016	11.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	27.0%
	2012-2016	20.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	26.5%
	2012-2016	26.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	30.6%
	2016	28.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$75,258
	2012-2016	\$80,119
Adult unemployment	2012	6.7%
	2016	4.2%
Child homelessness	2012	3.1%
	2016	3.7%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	120.4
	2017	117.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	29.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.7%
	2016	95.0%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	43.7
	2012-2016	40.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	10.0%
	2012-2016	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	59.0
	2016	31.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.4%
	2016	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	1.7
	2016	2.1
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	18.0%
	2012-2016	18.0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.2
	2012-2016	6.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	21.0
	2012-2016	20.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	16.7
	2012-2016	15.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	41.6
	2012-2016	42.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	81.8%
	2012-2016	60.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	17.4
	2011-2015	16.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	77.6
	2011-2015	91.7
Uninsured children	2011	5.3%
	2015	4.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.2%
	2016	93.8%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.