

St. Louis County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **47**

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County Seat: Clayton

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	36,018	28,435	16.2%	13.1%	↑	18.5%	8
Food insecurity for children ^b	37,140	33,280	15.9%	14.8%	↑	17.4%	7
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	5,198	5,424	8.7%	9.4%	↓	8.4%	101
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	1,844	1,542	8.1	7.0	↑	7.1	69
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3,945	2,939	17.3	13.3	↑	8.0	114
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	626	454	19.1	14.6	↑	22.5	17
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	466	294	2.1	1.3	↑	3.3	5
Education							
Graduation rate	9,972	9,655	88.3%	91.1%	↑	91.0%	77
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		6,733		64.0%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		6,446		62.1%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		5,826		53.9%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	1,001,444	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	122.8
	2017	996,726		2018	120.6
Child population under 18	2013	225,431	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	219,750		2018	28.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	22.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.8%
	2017	22.0%		2018	94.8%
Child population under 6	2013	70,005	Family & Community		
	2017	70,263	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	40.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.0%		2013-2017	45.1
	2017	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.9%
Minority child population under 18	2013	89,983		2013-2017	8.9%
	2017	92,266	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	41.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	39.9%		2017	29.2
	2017	42.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	29,086		2017	1.8%
	2017	29,992	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	41.5%		2017	2.1
	2017	42.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	34.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.3
	2013-2017	33.7%		2013-2017	6.6
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	64.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	20.4
	2013-2017	65.2%		2013-2017	20.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	15.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	19.0%		2013-2017	15.2
	2017	14.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	41.3
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	14.9%		2013-2017	43.6
	2017	12.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	70.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	31.5%		2013-2017	63.6%
	2013-2017	28.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	18.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	27.7%		2012-2016	17.2
	2013-2017	25.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	84.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	29.6%		2012-2016	94.1
	2017	28.3%	Uninsured children	2012	5.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$75,014		2016	3.5%
	2013-2017	\$83,931	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.4%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.5%		2017	93.6%
	2017	3.4%			
Child homelessness	2013	3.0%			
	2017	3.6%			

^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).