



2010 Data Book

the State of Our State's Children



KIDS COUNT in Missouri



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The mission of KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book is to improve the well-being of Missouri's children and families. The KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book and web site, <http://oseda.missouri.edu/kidscount> are easily accessible tools to assist local and state public policymakers and child advocates identifying both needs and solutions. KIDS COUNT in Missouri data are used to brief legislators, inform policy, and are integral to training child advocates.

The annual KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book documents the status of children in Missouri's 114 counties and the City of St. Louis. First produced in 1993, the KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book remains an invaluable repository of comprehensive, longitudinal information on the status of children.

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For the past 19 years, PFC has collabora-

ted with local and statewide partners to advocate for public policies and practices in the areas of health, early care and education, K-12 education and child safety.

PFC's advocacy efforts include researching and analyzing critical issues, collecting data and producing reports, identifying gaps and ensuring they are addressed and mobilizing public support for specific initiatives and interventions.

PFC also collaborates with local and statewide groups to conduct legislative advocacy on behalf of children. Specifically, PFC:

- Works with partners to establish legislative priorities and develop action plans;
- Develops materials to educate legislators and other advocates about priority issues;
- Tracks hearings, votes and amendments on House and Senate bills that benefit children;
- Testifies before committees, where appropriate, and enlists testimony of others to support priority areas;
- Produces weekly legislative alerts (Capitol Child Advocate) to keep legislators and the community abreast of policies and legislation affecting children; and
- Conducts workshops on "Understanding and Impacting the Legislative Process" to develop a more informed and engaged coalition of child advocates.

Because PFC is recognized as one of the state's leading voices for children in Jefferson City, the organization was chosen by The Annie E. Casey Foundation in 2010 to be Missouri's new KIDS COUNT grantee. In this role, PFC uses the KIDS COUNT measurements of social, economic, educational and physical well-being to inform policymakers and the public about the needs of Missouri's children and to spur action.

The #1 Question

In 1997, PFC introduced the #1 Question in an attempt to get every individual, organization and lawmaker to use the question -- "Is it good for the children?" -- as a litmus test for all decisions.



Whether it's a parent making plans for a Saturday night, a business considering whether to provide child care for employees or a legislator deciding what funding to cut, almost every decision we make in our lives affects children in some way.

The #1 Question reminds us to always consider how the decisions we make will affect our children and youth. Our goal is to see the needs of young people at the top of Missouri's list of priorities.

Granted, the notion of every citizen using the #1 Question in all decision-making is ambitious. But just imagine what life would be like for our children and youth if their needs were considered before all others. By building a state where our children come first in all personal, business and public policy decisions, we have a great opportunity to ensure all our young people grow up healthy, safe and well-prepared to succeed in life.

All this can be accomplished by asking one simple question -- "Is it good for the children?"

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The KIDS COUNT in Missouri 2010 Data Book updates information on measures of child well-being for the state, its 114 counties and St. Louis City. By highlighting trends and comparing geographic areas, the project educates users about the condition of Missouri's children and encourages citizen action to improve their lives.

According to the most recently released Census 2010 data, there are more than 1.4 million children living in Missouri, comprising slightly less than one-fourth of the total population. Over one-fifth of the state's children are of an ethnic minority, including African American, Asian, Native American and children of mixed race. Hispanic children are now 3% of the state's child population, a rate almost double what it was in 1990.

Between the base and current years, seven KIDS COUNT in Missouri outcome measures improved and three worsened. Measures that improved are: births to mothers without a high school diploma, infant mortality, child deaths, child abuse and neglect family assessments, out-of-home placement treatment entries, births to teens and teen violent death. Two of the measures that worsened, low birth weight and annual high school dropouts, rose by less than 1%. The measure, Students Enrolled in Free/Reduced Lunch, increased from approximately 42% to approximately 44%, a reflection of current economic conditions.

With these changes noted, it is essential to understanding this year's KIDS COUNT in Missouri to acknowledge that between 2005 and 2009, Missouri, like the rest of the United States, experienced an economic downturn on a scale unprecedented since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The 'Great Recession' has not only affected the well-being of Missouri's children and families, as evidenced by increases in measures of poverty, it has also affected attitudes, policies and the bottom line of state government.

Because the KIDS COUNT project, both in Missouri and nationwide, strives to provide both the most current and most local data available to describe the status of children, some indicators are based on administrative data collected through state agencies to deliver existing services and programs. As a result of the recession, states' budgets, and subsequently, the programs they fund, have diminished. It is incumbent upon users of the KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book to distinguish between change in the rates or numbers of this year's KIDS COUNT data that indicate an authentic improvement in the quality of children's lives versus change that reflects scaled-back services and resources.

MEASURES OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Students enrolled in free or reduced-price lunch program, a proxy measure of child poverty, increased throughout the decade. In 2000, more than one-third of Missouri's students lived in families whose incomes were low enough to qualify for this program, and by the end of the decade the percent of children had risen to 44. Children living in or close to poverty are at higher risk than other children for health, educational and social problems.

Children who are born to undereducated parents face the highest odds of living in chronic poverty. In 2009, 17% of Missouri births were to a *mother without a high school diploma*, denoting less than 12 years of education. During the decade between 2000 and 2009, this rate has gradually decreased from nearly 20% in the early years of the decade to the current rate of 17.1%.

While the number of *children receiving cash assistance* has incrementally decreased each of the past 10 years from 6.4% in 2000 to 4.6% in 2009, a substantial portion of the decrease is an intended effect of a policy shift in the cash assistance program for families with children that limits lifetime benefits to 60 months. We know that many of these children continue to live in poverty. However, their parents have replaced cash assistance benefits with low-paying employment and a constellation of non-cash support programs. *Food stamp utilization* has risen sharply in the past decade from serving 22% of Missouri's children in 2000 to 35.5% in 2009. At the same time, the number of persons securing food from food pantries increased.

Consistent with administrative record indicators such as the Food Stamp program and Free/Reduced School Lunch program, data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimates that the percent of Missouri children living in poverty has increased from approximately 15% in 2005 to nearly 20% in 2009. During the same period *adult unemployment* has increased from 5.4% to 9.3%. Twenty-three percent of Missouri *children under 6* were living in poverty in 2009.

MEASURES OF EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

The *high school dropout* rate increased slightly between 2005 and 2009. Nearly 11,000 students dropped out of public high schools in the 2008/2009 school year, increasing their risks of economic insecurity and other negative outcomes.

After trending upward during the past 5 year period, Missouri's *teen birth* rate declined in 2009 to 41.6 births to 1,000 teens – the lowest rate since 2000. In 2000, almost 9,000 Missouri teens, ages 15 - 19, gave birth. In 2009, approximately 8,500 teens gave birth, leaving these teen mothers and their children at risk of poverty, unemployment or underemployment, and health problems.

MEASURES OF CHILD HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

The percent of *low birthweight infants* has remained stable at 8.1 for the past several years after a slight mid-decade increase. For the 5-year period (2005-2009) reported in KIDS COUNT, on average 6,500 infants are born per year weighing less than five pounds.

In contrast, the *infant mortality* rate has declined steadily over the last 10 years. This is due to a combination of improved medical technology and public health outreach efforts. During the years 2005 through 2009, nearly 3,000 Missouri babies died before their first birthdays.

The number of *children enrolled in Medicaid* decreased slightly between 2005 and 2009 from 36.8% to 35%. However, this decline, when understood in the context of the substantial rise in unemployment and poverty, reflects policy decisions that limit eligibility rather than a tangible improvement in low income children's insurance coverage status.

MEASURES OF CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY

The *child death rate* has improved steadily and incrementally since the beginning of the decade. On average, approximately 230 children between the ages of 1 and 14 died in Missouri between 2005 and 2009. Violent deaths of teens decreased between the periods 2000-2004 and 2005-2009 from a 5-year total of 1,363 to 1,345 respectively. Accidents, including automobile accidents, are responsible for 33% of deaths of children between ages 1 and 14 and 53% of deaths of teenagers between 15 and 19.

The *child abuse and neglect* indicator measures the number of child abuse victims from reports classified as 'probable cause', indicating that child abuse or neglect has occurred. This indicator also measures the number of child abuse victims as defined by

the outcome of Department of Social Services family assessments. The indicator is expressed as a rate per 1,000 children. In 2009, 42,706 cases of child abuse and neglect were reported in Missouri, or 29.8 cases per 1,000. The number and rate for 2009 are slightly lower than last year's data (45,628 cases, 32.1 per 1,000) and has decreased nearly 10 points since 2005 (55,825 cases, 39.1 per 1,000).

Out-of-home placement entries are used in KIDS COUNT to measure the status of children who are confirmed victims of neglect, and who are living in environments posing immediate risk or environments not responding immediately to intervention to prevent further physical or emotional threat or injury to children. The indicator is expressed as a rate per 1,000 children. The rate of *out-of-home placement* entries has decreased from 4.6 to 3.9 during the five year period analyzed in this report. However, the rate has increased incrementally from 3.8 in 2007 to 3.9 in 2009.

MISSOURI STATE PROFILE

► Capital - Jefferson City

Missouri Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

○ = No Change

NOTE: Free and reduced lunch and high school dropout data may not match data displayed on the website of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). While DESE posts data as it appears in the database on a given date, data published in KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book may reflect subsequent revisions by school districts.

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	363,677	377,643	41.7	43.6	✗	n/a
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	14,357	13,504	18.3	17.1	✓	n/a
Low birth weight infants 2000-2004/2005-2009	30,248	32,390	7.9	8.1	✗	23
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2,928	2,947	7.7	7.3	✓	31
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1,345	1,139	24.3	19.3	✓	40
Child abuse and neglect (per 1,000) 2005/2009	55,825	42,706	39.1	29.8	✓	n/a
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	6,613	5,620	4.6	3.9	✓	n/a
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	9,722	10,997	3.6	3.9	✗	25
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8,602	8,496	42.2	41.6	✓	32
Violent deaths, ages 15-19 (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1,363	1,345	66.3	64	✓	36
* Update: An unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through the Missouri Department of Mental Health						

► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,432,228
	2010	1,425,436
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.5
	2010	23.8
Minority children	2005	21.8
	2009	23.1
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	18,745
	2009	19,238

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.3
	2008	19.1
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.7
	2008	23
Children in single parent families	2000	24.3
	2008	32.2
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$36,606
	2008	\$41,050
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4
	2009	9.3

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53
	2009	58.1
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	43,953
	2009	43,765
Licensed child care capacity	2005	146,546
	2010	150,542
Accredited child care facilities	2005	447
	2010	557
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.2
	2009	4.7
Children receiving food stamps	2005	30.7
	2009	35.5

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

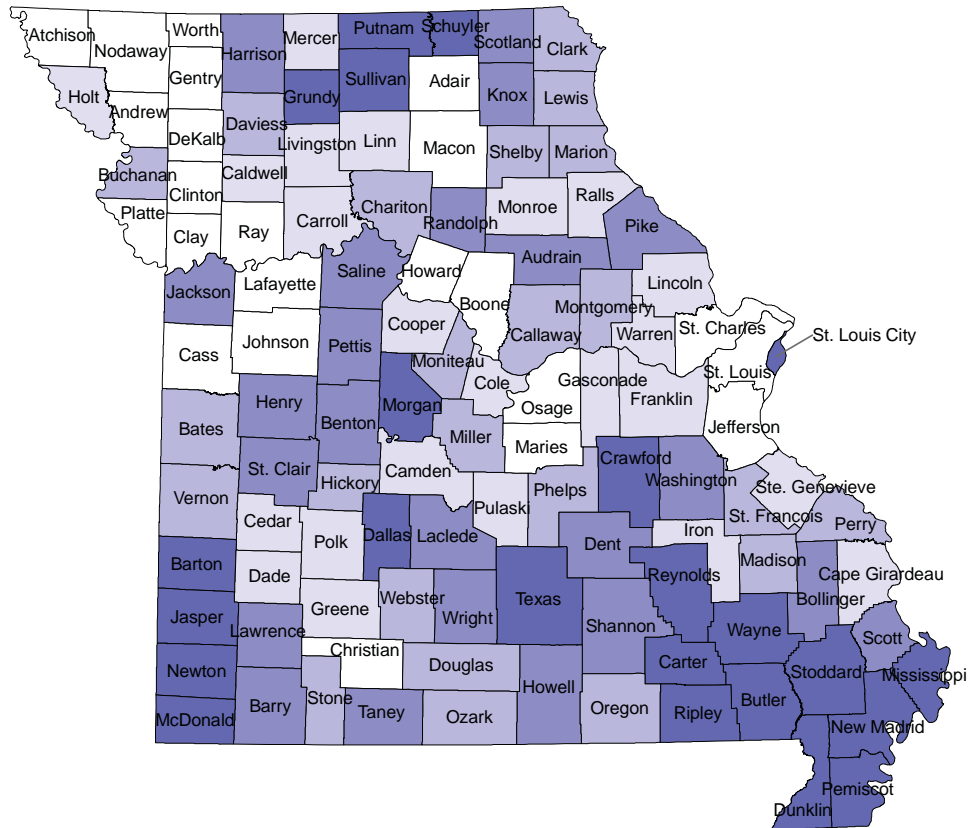
Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	36.8
	2009	35
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0
	2009	1.0
Children receiving public SED mental health services*	2007	19,413
	2009	15,183
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	57.1
	2008	55.2

MISSOURI PROFILE minority

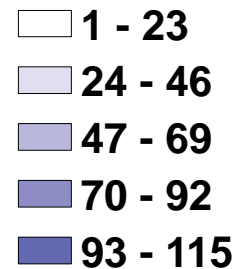
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	Base	Current	Trend		Base	Current	Trend
Births to mothers without high school diploma 2005/2009	17.1%	16.2%	√		23.1%	21.1%	√
Low birth weight infants 2000/2004 and 2005/2009	7.1%	7.0%	√		12.6%	12.5%	√
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000/2004 and 2005/2009	6.4	6.1	√		13.7	12.9	√
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000) 2000/2004 and 2005/2009	24.0	19.6	√		27.7	25.1	√
Child abuse and neglect (per 1,000) 2005/2009	41.2	25.5	√		36.0	27.3	√
Out-of-home placements (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4.5	3.7	√		5.9	4.7	√
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	3.1%	2.3%	√		5.7%	7.1%	X
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	39.0	37.6	√		54.1	56.2	X
Violent teen deaths, ages 15-19 (per 100,000) 2000/2004 and 2005/2009	63.7	62.7	√		74.9	88.2	X

COUNTY RANKS at a glance

Missouri Kids Count, 2010 Composite County Rankings



Composite Rank



Atchison	1	Marion	58
St. Charles	2	Douglas	59
Platte	3	Webster	60
Worth	4	Bates	61
Osage	5	Daviess	62
Clay	6	Perry	63
Andrew	7	St. Francois	64
Cass	8	Buchanan	65
Johnson	9	Ozark	66
Boone	10	Clark	67
Christian	11	Chariton	68
Howard	12	Miller	69
Nodaway	13	Pettis	70
Maries	14	Bollinger	71
Gentry	15	Henry	72
St. Louis	16	Washington	73
Jefferson	17	Benton	74
Clinton	18	Audrain	75
Ray	19	Scott	76
DeKalb	20	Shannon	77
Lafayette	21	Dent	78
Adair	22	Jackson	79
Macon	23	Wright	80
Franklin	24	Harrison	81
Cole	25	Taney	82
St. Genevieve	26	Howell	83
Holt	27	Barry	84
Mercer	28	Knox	85
Livingston	29	Scotland	86
Monroe	30	Lawrence	87
Ralls	31	Randolph	88
Gasconade	32	Pike	89
Dade	33	Laclede	90
Cooper	34	St. Clair	91
Cape Girardeau	35	Saline	92
Lincoln	36	Barton	93
Carroll	37	Jasper	94
Linn	38	Sullivan	95
Pulaski	39	Texas	96
Warren	40	Carter	97
Iron	41	Crawford	98
Greene	42	Wayne	99
Caldwell	43	Dallas	100
Camden	44	Grundy	101
Polk	45	Newton	102
Cedar	46	New Madrid	103
Montgomery	47	Putnam	104
Shelby	48	Mississippi	105
Stone	49	Reynolds	106
Vernon	50	Morgan	107
Lewis	51	Stoddard	108
Hickory	52	Schuyler	109
Oregon	53	McDonald	110
Phelps	54	Butler	111
Moniteau	55	Pemiscot	112
Madison	56	Ripley	113
Callaway	57	Dunklin	114
		City of St. Louis	115

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OUTCOME MEASURE:
economic security

OUTCOME MEASURES economic security

A family's economic security has a great impact on a child's ability to develop into a healthy, productive adult. KIDS COUNT in Missouri tracks many indicators related to economic conditions for Missouri's children and families, including parental education and employment statistics, enrollment in federal assistance programs, and the child poverty rate, in order to provide a full picture of how our children are faring. It is important to keep in mind that since no single outcome or indicator represents how well children and families are faring economically, all of the indicators included in this section should be examined closely.

The child poverty rate is one of the most scrutinized indicators of child and family well-being. National child poverty levels fell by 30% between 1994 and 2000, the largest decrease since the 1960s.¹ However, during most of the first decade of the 21st century, state and national poverty rate improvements stalled. The significant economic downturn that began in 2007 adversely affected economic conditions at both state and national levels. The national child poverty rate increased by 6% between 2000 and 2008, which translates to 1 million additional children living in poverty since 2000. In Missouri, the rate of increase between 2000 and 2008 was 24.8%, indicating that our state has

experienced greater threats to economic security than many states.

KIDS COUNT tracks two outcomes directly related to children's economic security:

- Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch price program.
- Births to mothers without high school diplomas.

In addition, eight other economic security indicators are reported:

- Children in poverty
- Children under 6 in poverty
- Children in single parent families
- Average annual wage/salary
- Adult unemployment
- Parents paying child support in the state system
- Children receiving cash assistance
- Children receiving food stamps.

For the most part, the economic security outlook for the children and families in Missouri has been in decline. Since 2005, the percent of students enrolled in the free/reduced price lunch program has increased by 4.6%, and the percentage of children receiving food stamps has

increased 15.6%. Since 2000, the percent of children in poverty has increased 24.8%; the percent of children under 6 in poverty has burgeoned by 34.5%; and the percentage of children in single parent families has gone up over 32.5%. Not all trends related to economic security are in decline, however, since 2005 progress has been made on percentage of births to mothers without a high school diploma (a decrease of 6.6%) and percentage of parents paying child support in the state system (an increase of 9.6%).

Students Enrolled in Free/Reduced Price Lunch Program

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percent of children enrolled in the free or reduced price lunch program in Missouri public schools.

Significance

Participation in the free/reduced lunch program is a widely used proxy for measuring the extent of child poverty. Economic hardship can have profound negative effects on children's health and development. Children from families with low incomes have a higher risk for cognitive development and learning problems.^{2,3}

The effects of poverty are particularly

salient for very young children—and for those who live in poverty a long time or who experience episodes of extreme poverty. In addition, the effects of poverty can last a lifetime. Children who grow up in poverty are more likely to drop out of school, to have adolescent and adult health problems, and to experience poverty as an adult.⁴

This indicator should be considered a low estimate of the child poverty because it is believed that not all families that are eligible for free/reduced lunch apply for the service.⁵

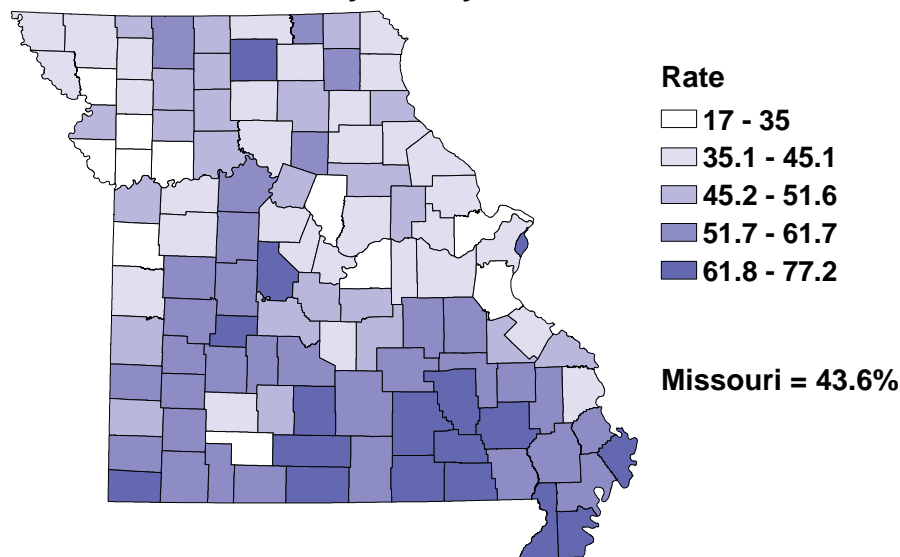
Missouri Findings

For the 2009-10 school year, 43.6% of Missouri students were enrolled in the free/reduced price lunch program, a 1.6 percentage point increase from the previous school year. The percentage has been trending steadily upward over time. In 2001-02, 26.7% of children were enrolled in the program; in 2005-06, 41.7% were enrolled.

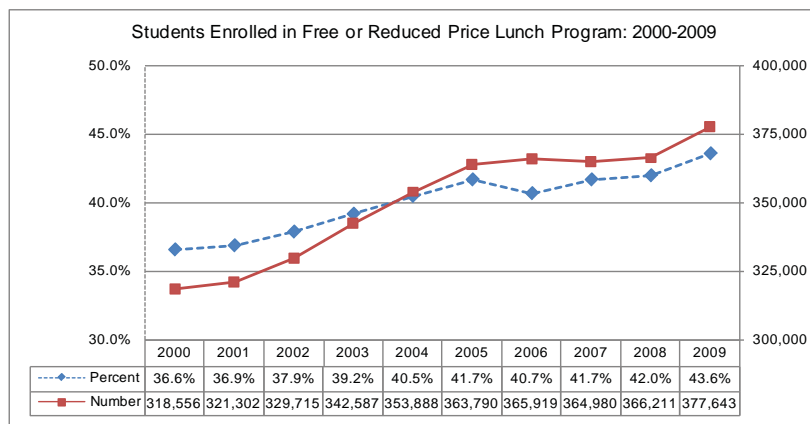
County Findings

The counties with the highest participation rates in 2009, which suggests high levels of child poverty, were primarily found in the southeastern and south-central parts of the state. The counties with the highest rates were Shannon (77.2%), St. Louis City, (73.6%), and

Percent Students Enrolled for Free and Reduced Lunches by County, 2009



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Pemiscot (70.6%). The counties with the lowest rate, all below 35%, were primarily suburban: St. Charles, Jefferson (St. Louis area); Platte, Clay, Cass, Ray (Kansas City area), Andrew, Clinton, Osage, and Boone (Columbia area).

Births to Mothers without High School Diplomas

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number and percentage of all births to mothers who indicated that they have less than 12 years of education on their child's birth certificate.

Significance

Children born to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education face the highest odds of living in chronic and/or severe poverty. Parents with low education levels typically have lower incomes than those with more education. In Missouri, 87% of children born to mothers without a high school diploma live in poverty.⁶ Higher levels of parental education are strongly associated with positive outcomes for children, including better school readiness and academic achievement, lower rates of smoking and drinking, and higher rates of volunteering.⁷

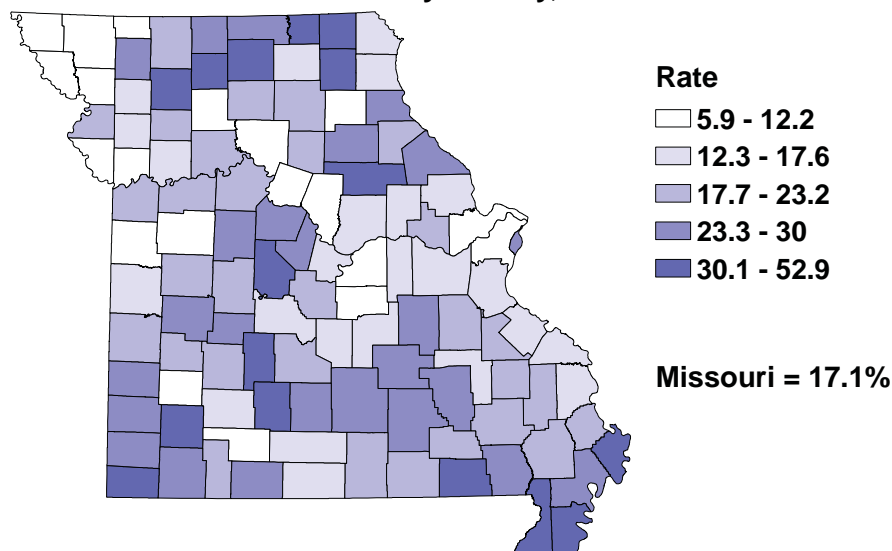
Missouri Findings

In 2009, 17.1% of births were to women without a high school diploma. This percentage decreased slightly from 2008, and has been trending downward since 2005. In 2009, there were 13,504 live births to women without a high school diploma. Sixty-four percent of those infants were born to non-Hispanic white mothers, 19% to non-Hispanic black mothers, 11% to Hispanic mothers, and 5% to mothers of other races and ethnicities.⁸ The percentage of births to mothers without a high school diploma differs across racial/ethnic categories. In 2009, Hispanic mothers had the highest percentage of births to women with less than 12 years of education (43%), followed by non-Hispanic black mothers (25%), and non-Hispanic white mothers (15%).⁹

County Findings

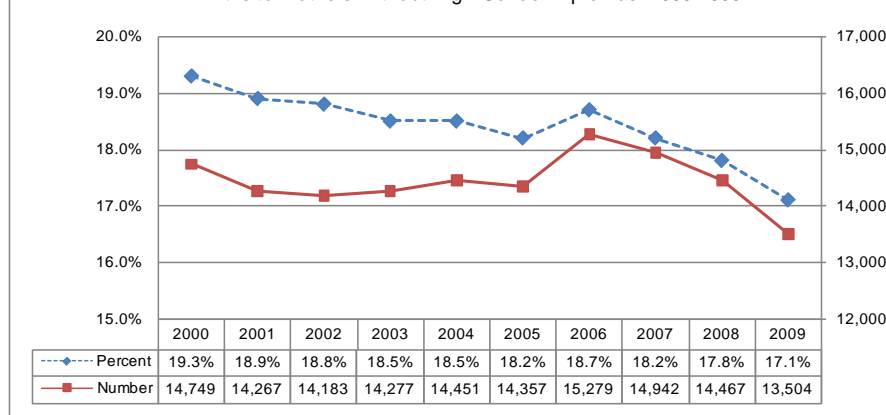
In seven counties—Worth, St. Charles, Platte, Atchison, Holt, Shelby, and Osage—fewer than 10% of children were born to mothers without a high school diploma in 2009. In 13 counties, one-third or more of births were to mothers with less than 12 years of education: Scotland, Morgan, Knox, Dunklin, McDonald, Schuyler, Sullivan, Pemiscot, Webster, Grundy, Audrain, Mississippi, and Ripley. In absolute numbers, Jackson

Percent of Births to Mothers with Fewer Than 12 Years Education by County, 2009



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, 2010
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Births to Mothers Without High School Diplomas: 2000-2009



County, St. Louis City, and St. Louis County accounted for 32.9% of births to mothers without a high school diploma.

Children in Poverty

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percentage of children (under age 18) that live in families with income below the federal poverty threshold. The federal poverty threshold depends on the number of adults and children in a family. For a single parent (under 65) with two children, the federal poverty threshold in 2008 was \$17,346.

Significance

Nationally, one in five children (20.7%) live in families with incomes below the poverty threshold¹⁰, an increase of 1.7 percentage points from 2008. However, most families need an income of at least double the poverty threshold to meet their basic needs, and families below this level are considered low-income.¹¹

Missouri Findings

In 2008, 19.1% of Missouri children lived in families with incomes below the federal poverty threshold. This percentage has been trending upward over time. In 2000, 15.3% of children were in pov-

erty, and in 2007 18.3% were in poverty. In Missouri's largest cities, the percent of children living in poverty is particularly high: 41.6% in St. Louis City, 25.4% in Kansas City, and 29.5% in Springfield.¹²

County Findings

In 2008, nine counties had more than 35% of children living in poverty: Shannon, Vernon, Pemiscot, Carter, Hickory, Stone, Iron, Ozark, and St. Louis City. The counties with the lowest percentage of children living in poverty were St. Charles, Clinton, Clay, Platte, Ray, and Cass.

Children under 6 in Poverty

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percentage of children under age 6 living in poverty, based on the federal poverty thresholds. The federal poverty threshold depends on the number of adults and children in a family.

Significance

Very young children are more likely to live in poverty than older children. Thus, the percentage of children under 6 in poverty is higher than that of all children in poverty. Many factors contribute

to increased likelihood of children experiencing poverty at a young age, including the relative youth of parents (which depresses earning potential), as well as the need for child care (either parents pay for it or stay at home to take care of young children). Poverty can interfere with children's development for all ages, but its developmental effects are more pervasive for children who experience economic hardship when very young.

Missouri Findings

In 2008, the percentage of children under 6 living in poverty was 23.0%. This figure has been trending upward, from 17.1% in 2000 to 22.0% in 2007.

County Findings

In 2008, two counties had more than 50% of children under 6 living in poverty: Vernon (57.8%) and Pemiscot (55.8%). Another eight counties had more than 45% of children under 6 living in poverty: Ozark, Butler, Iron, Shannon, Hickory, Wayne, Stone, and Texas. Five counties had less than 10% of children under six in poverty: Clinton, St. Charles, Ray, Mercer, and Clay.

Children in Single Parent Families

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percent of children who live in single parent homes.

Significance

Family structure can have an effect on children's outcomes. Because two-parent families tend to have higher household incomes and more assets than single-parent families, the quality of children's home, as well as out-of-home, experiences are reduced.¹³ In addition, economic hardship may increase parents' psychological distress and decrease sensitive caregiving.¹⁴ These factors can lead to negative effects on children's cognitive and social development and impact their long-term academic achievement.¹⁵

Missouri Findings

In 2008, 32.2% of Missouri children lived in single parent families. This percentage has increased over time. In 2000, 24.3% of children lived in single parent families; in 2007, the figure was 31.2%.

County Findings

In three counties, more than 50% of children lived in single parent families in 2008: St. Louis City, Pemiscot, and Mississippi. Another four counties had more than 40% of children living with single parents: Dunklin, Stone, Jackson, and New Madrid. The counties with the lowest percentage of children living in

single parent families (less than 20%) were Scotland, Schuyler, Daviess, Chariton, Ralls, Knox, St. Charles, Nodaway, and Perry.

Average Annual Wage/Salary

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the average annual wage/salary in Missouri per job.

Significance

This indicator is another way of measuring economic conditions for children and families over time.

Missouri Findings

In 2008, the average annual wage/salary for Missourians was \$41,050. This indicator has increased steadily over time. In 2005, the average annual wage/salary was \$36,606; in 2007, it was \$38,154.

County Findings

Six counties had average annual wage/salary higher than \$40,000 in 2008: St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jackson, Clay, Pulaski, and Platte. Except for Pulaski, where Fort Leonard Wood is located, all the other counties are part of the metropolitan areas of St. Louis and Kansas City. The counties with the lowest average annual wage/salary in 2008,

all below \$24,000, were Worth, Ozark, Shannon, Clark, Schuyler, Hickory, and Carter.

Adult Unemployment

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the annual unemployment rate (percentage of civilian labor force that is unemployed and looking for work).

Significance

Unemployment rates provide another picture of the general economic conditions of a state, region or county. As more adults have problems finding employment, the number of children and families in poverty increases. Higher unemployment rates are also associated with families using more government services, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as the food stamp program) to help make ends meet.

Missouri Findings

The recent recession has had a significant impact on unemployment rates throughout Missouri. In 2005, the state unemployment rate was 5.4%. In 2008, it rose slightly to 6.1%. For 2009, Missouri's unemployment rate jumped to

9.3%, an increase of over 52% in one year.

County Findings

In 2009, eight counties had unemployment rates below 7.0%: Knox, Boone, Nodaway, Gentry, Adair, Sullivan, Osage, and Cole. (Except for Sullivan, all of these counties had unemployment rates below 5.0% in 2005). Thirty-four counties had unemployment rates of at least 10.0%. The counties with the highest unemployment rates in 2009 (all greater than 12.0%) were Washington, Reynolds, Hickory, Monroe, Morgan, Laclede, Shannon, Franklin, and Taney.

Parents Paying Child Support in the State System

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percent of parents meeting their child support payment responsibilities in the state system.

Significance

This indicator is another determinant of economic well-being for children. Child support helps decrease economic hardship in single-parent families.

Missouri Findings

In 2009, the percent of parents meeting their child support payment responsibilities

in the state system was 58.1%. This indicator has been steadily increasing; it was 53.0% in 2005 and 56.5% in 2008.

County Findings

In 2009, the counties with the lowest percent of parents meeting their child support payments were Cole, Butler, St. Louis City, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Warren, and Boone. The counties with the highest percentage were Knox, Atchison, Chariton, Carter, and Clark.

Children Receiving Cash Assistance

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percentage of children receiving cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF).

Significance

This indicator is another way of examining the economic well-being of children and families. However, changes in this indicator over time must be considered in the context of policy changes at the state and federal levels, which can artificially impact the direction of the trend.

Missouri Findings

In 2009, 4.7% of children were in families receiving cash assistance, a slight

increase over the 2008 figure of 4.5%. Although this figure has dropped from 5.2% in 2005, it is expected that this figure will climb higher because of the economic downturn.

County Findings

The counties with the highest percent of children receiving cash assistance in 2009 (all over 10.0%) were Pemiscot, Dunklin, St. Louis City, Mississippi, and New Madrid. The counties with the lowest percent of children receiving TANF (all below 2.0%) were St. Charles, Clark, Scotland, Schuyler, Platte, Andrew, Gasconade, and Worth.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percentage of children receiving food stamps under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Significance

Food stamps provide low-income families with electronic benefits that they can use like cash at most grocery stores. Participation in food stamps is an indicator of economic security as well as child nutrition.

Missouri Findings

In 2009, more than one in three children (35.5%) received food stamps, an increase of 2.8 percentage points over the 2008 figure of 32.7%. This figure has climbed from the 2005 rate of 30.7%. These increases show the impact of the recent recession on Missouri's children and families.

County Findings

In 19 counties, at least 50% of the children received food stamps in 2009. In 2005, only 12 counties surpassed the 50% benchmark, another indication of the recent economic downturn. The counties with the highest percentage of children receiving food stamps in 2009 (all higher than 60.0%) were Pemiscot, Dunklin, St. Louis City, Ripley, and Mississippi. The counties with the lowest percentage of children in the food stamps program in 2009 were St. Charles, Platte, Scotland, and Andrew.

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OUTCOME MEASURE:

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A healthy start in life provides children with the necessary foundation for healthy development and the capacity to learn. The determinants of a healthy start include quality prenatal care, consistent access to healthcare services throughout childhood and adolescence, including proper immunization, and good nutrition.

The majority of Missouri children access health coverage through private insurance and MO HealthNet for Kids, Missouri's public health insurance program for low-income children who do not have access to other health coverage. However, Missouri continues to maintain a population of children without healthcare coverage, including many who are eligible for coverage.

KIDS COUNT tracks two outcomes directly related to children's health and mental health:

- Low birth weight infants
- Infant mortality.

In addition, three other health and mental health indicators are reported:

- Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids
- Children with elevated blood lead levels.

- Children receiving public mental health services for Serious Emotional Disorders (SED).

In comparison to the baseline years, the status of Missouri children's health and mental health with respect to these outcomes and indicators is mixed. Infant mortality, which has been declining for some time, decreased by 5.2% between the baseline time period of 2000-2004 and the period 2005-2009. On the other hand, consistent with national trends, the number of low birth weight infants increased by 2.5% during the same time periods.

Changes in the other three indicators are more difficult to interpret. Because they reflect services provided by state government, the decreases over time may be due to actual progress on these indicators or may be due to budget shortfalls or changes in funding priorities. With this in mind, the percentage of children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids decreased 4.9% between 2005 and 2009, but it has been trending upward since the economic downturn. The percent of young children with elevated blood lead levels has decreased by 66.7% from 2005 to 2009. From 2007 to 2009, the number of children who received public SED mental health services decreased 21.8%.

Low Birth Weight Infants

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percent of infants who weigh less than 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds) at birth. This figure includes term and pre-term infants. Data are combined across five-year periods to provide more stable rates. Infants born weighing less than 1,500 grams (three pounds, five ounces) are considered very low birth weight.

Significance

Infants born with low birth weights are at high risk for adverse outcomes and developmental problems throughout their lives. Compared to normal birth weight infants, they are more likely to have low oxygen levels at birth, problems maintaining body temperature, difficulties feeding and gaining weight, infections, breathing and respiratory problems, gastrointestinal problems, and intellectual and neurological impairments, including cerebral palsy, blindness, deafness and brain damage. It is also quite possible that infants born with a low birth weight may have a difficult time "catching up" in physical growth compared to normal birth weight peers. In general, the smaller the baby at birth, the higher his or her risk for complications.¹

There are two main reasons why a baby may be born with a low birth weight:

fetal growth restriction and premature birth. Growth-restricted babies may be born full term, but are underweight because they did not grow well during pregnancy due to problems in the uterus, the mother's health, or birth defects. Premature birth occurs when a baby is born before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy. About 67% of low birth weight babies are premature.²

Early induction of labor and c-sections account for about 25% of preterm births nationally.³ Often these cases are due to pregnancy complications or health problems affecting the mother or fetus.

Babies born with a low birth weight may have increased risk for certain chronic conditions in adulthood, including high blood pressure, adult-onset diabetes, and heart disease.⁴

Missouri Findings

The percent of low birth weight infants has relatively stable over the past several years, ranging from 7.9% during the five-year period from 2000-2004 to 8.1% during the most recent period 2005-2009. Between 2005 and 2009, 32,390 low birth weight infants were born in Missouri.

In 2009, 78,849 live births occurred in Missouri; 6,402 infants (8.1%) were low birth weight, while 1,239 (1.6%) were born with a very low birth weight.

Preterm labor is one of the most common reasons why an infant may be born with a low birth weight. In 2009, 9,882 (12.5%) were preterm, meaning pregnancy lasted less than 37 complete weeks. Adequate prenatal care is necessary for preventing low birth weight births. However, in 2009, 584 women reported that they received no prenatal care, and 8,729 women reported receiving inadequate prenatal care.

For low-income mothers who may not have the necessary health supports needed during pregnancy, public programs exist to offer assistance with health coverage and nutrition. During the prenatal period, 37,675 mothers (48.4%) were enrolled in MO HealthNet, 22,250 (29.4%) accessed food stamps, and 34,094 mothers (43.8%) utilized WIC in 2008. Unfortunately, despite the wealth of information on the negative effects of smoking during pregnancy, 13,233 women (16.8%) reported smoking during pregnancy. Alarming, 1,709 (2.2%) reported smoking one or more packs a day while pregnant.⁵

The low birth weight rate for minority infants was 12.5% during the five-year period 2005-2009, while the rate for non-Hispanic white infants was 7.0%. These rates are unchanged for both groups compared to the base period 2000-2004. The rates for minority infants have improved slightly since 1995-

1999, whereas the rates for non-Hispanic whites have increased somewhat since the same time period.

County Findings

Between 2005 and 2009, the counties with the highest rates of low birth weight infants (all above 10%) were Pemiscot, New Madrid, St. Louis City, Dunklin, Mississippi, and Ripley. During the same time period, the counties with the lowest rates, all below 5%, were Scotland, Worth, Maries, and Andrew.

Infant Mortality

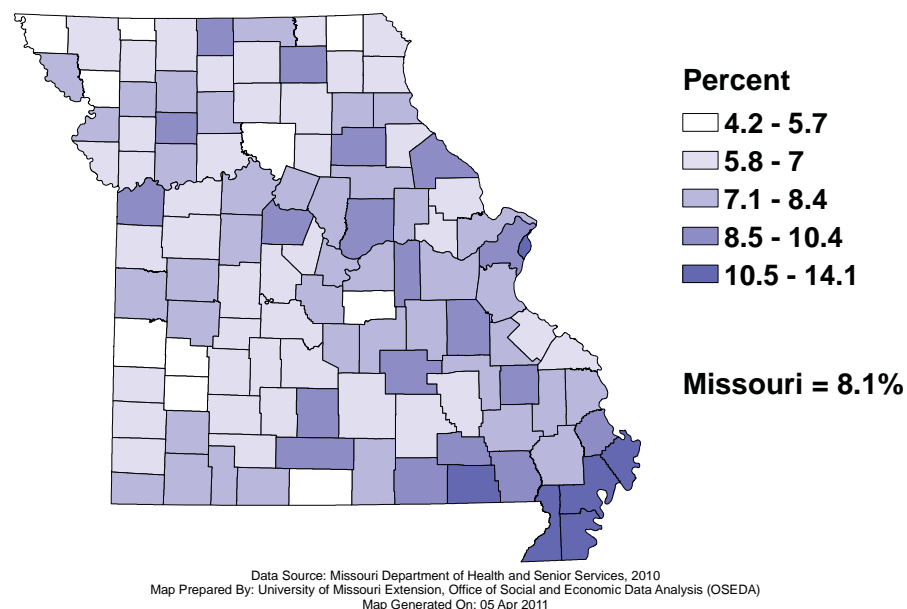
Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of infants who die before their first birthday. The rate is expressed as deaths per 1,000 live births. The data are combined over five-year periods to provide more stable rates.

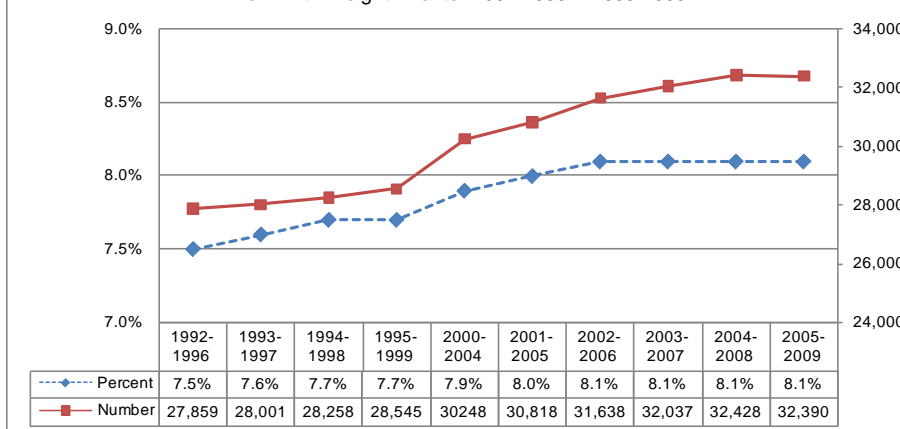
Significance

Infant mortality has long been an indicator of the health of a community, state and nation because of its association with such factors as maternal health, quality and access to medical care, socioeconomic conditions and public health practices.⁶ Nationally, the leading causes of infant death are congenital malformations (physical defects present at birth);

Percent Low Birthweight Infants by County, 2005-2009



Low Birth Weight Infants: 1992-1996 - 2005-2009



disorders related to short gestation or low birth weight; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); maternal complications during pregnancy; complications with the placenta, cord or membranes during pregnancy; unintentional injuries; and respiratory distress.

The U.S. infant mortality rate was 6.4 in 2009.⁷ However, this rate differs greatly by race and ethnicity. In 2005, the group with the highest rate was non-Hispanic black infants (13.63), followed by non-Hispanic white infants (5.76) and Hispanic infants (5.62).⁸

The infant mortality rate goes beyond health considerations to encompass economic and safety issues as well. Infants are more likely to die before their first birthday if they live in unsafe homes and neighborhoods or have inadequate nutrition, health care, or supervision.

Missouri Findings

The infant mortality rate in Missouri has slowly and steadily decreased over the past five years from a rate of 7.7 deaths per 1,000 children younger than one year of age during 2000-2004 to 7.3 deaths per 1,000 children during the period 2005-2009.

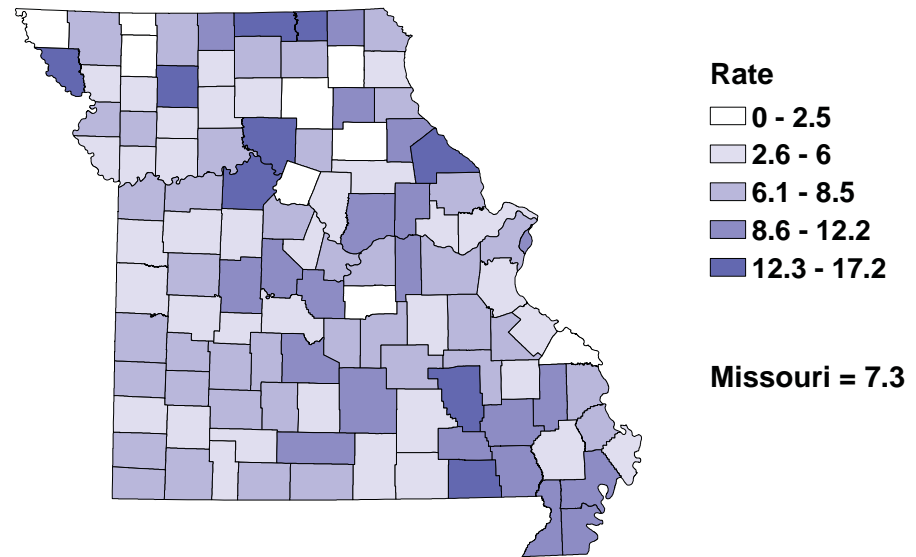
In 2009, 577 infants under the age of one died in Missouri. Of these, 438

infant deaths were due to illness/natural causes (not including SIDS). Prematurity accounted for 44 % of all illness/natural cause deaths, whereas congenital anomalies accounted for 33% of illness/natural cause deaths. Of the deaths due to illness/natural causes, 57 % occurred within the first two days of life. In 2009, 159 sudden, unexpected infant deaths occurred in Missouri. Based on autopsy results, investigations, and evaluation by the Missouri Child Fatality Review Panel, 20 were diagnosed as SIDS, 71 were attributed to unintentional suffocation, 32 as illness/natural causes, 10 as intentional deaths (homicides), and 26 were classified as undetermined.

County Findings

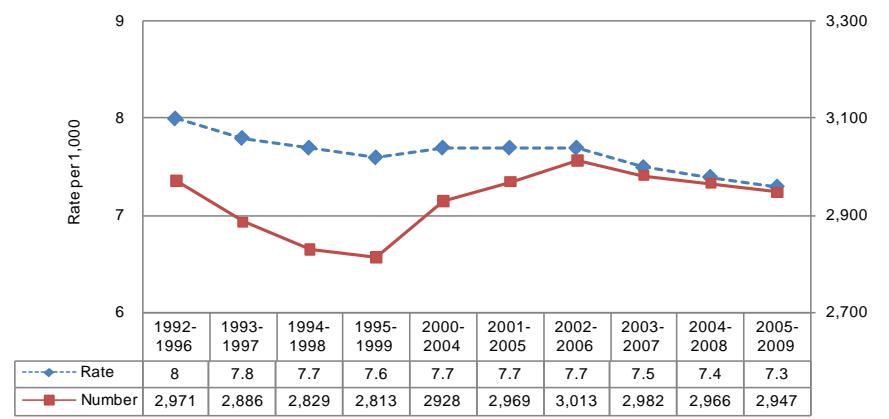
Worth, Maries, Atchison, Gentry, and Knox counties had no infant deaths between 2005 and 2009. The counties with the highest infant mortality rates during the same period were Schuyler, Putnam, Ripley, Chariton, Holt, Pike, and Saline. These counties had rates of 13.1 or higher. However, because of the extremely low number of deaths in most counties, even over a five-year period, infant mortality rates should be interpreted with caution.

Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births by County, 2005-2009



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, 2010
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Infant Mortality, 1992-1996 - 2005-2009



Children Enrolled in MO Health-Net for Kids

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the average monthly percentage of children under age 18 who have applied for and been certified as eligible for participation in MO HealthNet for Kids.

Significance

MO HealthNet is Missouri’s health

Additionally, uninsured children whose income is over the limits shown in the table, and whose monthly gross family income is under 150 % of the federal poverty threshold, are also eligible.

The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers uninsured children with gross family incomes up to 300 % of the federal poverty threshold. Children must be uninsured for six months before becoming eligible and cannot have family assets with a net worth over

MO HealthNet for Kids Eligibility Information ⁹	
Covered Populations	Income Guidelines
Children (non-CHIP)	
Up to age 1	< 185% of federal poverty threshold
Ages 1 to 5	< 133% of federal poverty threshold
Ages 6 to 18	< 100% of federal poverty threshold
Children (CHIP)	< 300% of federal poverty threshold

coverage program for citizens with low incomes. The program provides coverage for eligible individuals who do not have access to private health care coverage, and generally covers eligible elderly and disabled individuals, low-income families, pregnant women and children. MO HealthNet for Kids provides health care coverage for children under 18 years of age, regardless of insurance status, whose family income falls within certain guidelines.

\$250,000. To be eligible, children in families with incomes over 150% of the federal poverty threshold cannot already have access to “affordable health insurance” as determined based on family size and income. Families must also pay monthly premiums based on family size and income. Premiums range from one to 5% of family income.

Disabled children, children in the care and custody of the Missouri Children’s Division (including foster care and adop-

tive homes), and children in the custody of the Division of Youth Services or a juvenile court are also covered by MO HealthNet. Newborns are automatically eligible for assistance if their mother is receiving a federally matched category of assistance at the time of birth.

Missouri Findings

In Missouri, 35 % of children (approximately 500,000) were enrolled in MO HealthNet in 2009. Although this percent is lower than the figure in 2005 (36.8%), the percent has been trending upward since 2007. In 2007, the percent of children enrolled in MO HealthNet was 33.2; in 2008, it was 33.5%.

County Findings

In 2009, the counties with the highest percentage of children enrolled in MO HealthNet (all above 60.0%) were Pemiscot, Ripley, Dunklin, Mississippi, St. Louis City, Carter, Reynolds, New Madrid, and Wayne. The counties with the lowest percentage in 2009, all below 22.0%, were St. Charles, Platte, Osage, Andrew, Clay, and Nodaway.

Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the percentage of

children under the age of 6 whose blood contained 10 or more micrograms of lead per deciliter among those who were screened.

Significance

Approximately 250,000 U.S. children aged 1-5 years have blood lead levels greater than 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood, the level at which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends public health actions be initiated.¹⁰ Lead poisoning can affect nearly every system in the body. Because lead poisoning often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. The long-term consequences of lead poisoning include the following:

- Lower IQ levels
- Learning difficulties
- Attention deficits
- Behavioral problems
- Interference with growth
- Hearing problems.¹¹

All children under the age of 6, and especially under the age of 3, are at risk because they are growing so rapidly and because they tend to put their hands or other objects, which may be contaminated with lead dust, into their mouths. However, children living at or below the

poverty line who live in older housing are at greatest risk.

Lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust are the main sources of exposure for lead in U.S. children. Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978. All houses built before 1978 are likely to contain some lead-based paint. However, it is the deterioration of this paint that causes a problem. Approximately 24 million housing units have deteriorated leaded paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust. More than 4 million of these dwellings are homes to one or more young children.

Missouri Findings

According to 2009 Missouri blood lead testing data, 930 children under the age of six, were identified with elevated blood lead levels in the state; the percent was 1.0 of those who were screened. This percent has been on the decline since 2005, when it was 3.0 %, with 2,135 children identified with high blood lead levels. In 2008, the percent was 1.2.

County Findings

In 2009, the counties with the highest percentage of children identified with elevated blood lead levels, all 3.0 % or higher, were Bates, Mercer, Carroll, St. Louis City, and Reynolds. Twenty-four counties had zero cases of elevated blood

lead levels in children under 6 in 2009.

Children Receiving Public SED Mental Health Services

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of children receiving mental health services for serious emotional disorders (SED) through the Missouri Department of Mental Health. The Missouri Department of Mental Health defines SED as any emotional, behavioral, or mental disorder that requires multiple services; severely disrupts daily functioning in the home, school, or community; and has either been present for one year, or is expected to last a year or more.

Significance

Children and adolescents are susceptible to the same mental illnesses that afflict adults. Half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14.¹³ Scientists are discovering that changes in the body and brain leading to mental illness may start much earlier, before any symptoms appear. Through greater understanding of when and how fast specific areas of children's brains develop, researchers are learning more about the early stages of a wide range of mental illnesses that appear later in life. Helping children and their parents manage difficulties early

in life may prevent the development of disorders. Once mental illness develops, it becomes a regular part of a child's behavior and more difficult to treat. Even though we know how to treat—though not yet cure—many disorders, many children with mental illnesses are not getting treatment. Without treatment, these children will be at risk for falling behind in other domains of development, thereby decreasing the likelihood that they will become happy, stable, productive adults.

Young people are especially at risk of depression, obsessive-compulsive behaviors, phobias and substance abuse. Behavior disorders are another form of mental illness that appears in childhood and adolescence. As many as one in five Missouri children may have a behavior disorder, ranging from barely noticeable to disruptive to their education, development and family life.¹⁴

The causes of mental illness are varied, but most are caused by imbalances in the brain's chemistry, by a head injury, or by emotional trauma. Some mental illnesses are more prevalent in some families, suggesting a genetic link.

Missouri Findings

In 2009, 15,183 children received mental health services for serious emotional disorders (SED) through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, a drop from

the 2007 figure of 19,413 that reflects the significant reduction in state funding for mental health services for children.

County Findings

In 2009, the counties with the highest number of children receiving mental health services were also among the most populated in Missouri. These counties were St. Louis, Jackson, St. Charles, St. Louis City, Jefferson, Clay, Greene, and Boone. Together, these counties accounted for 51% of children receiving services for SED. The counties with the fewest children receiving services for SED were Hickory, Scotland, Mercer, Holt, and Reynolds.

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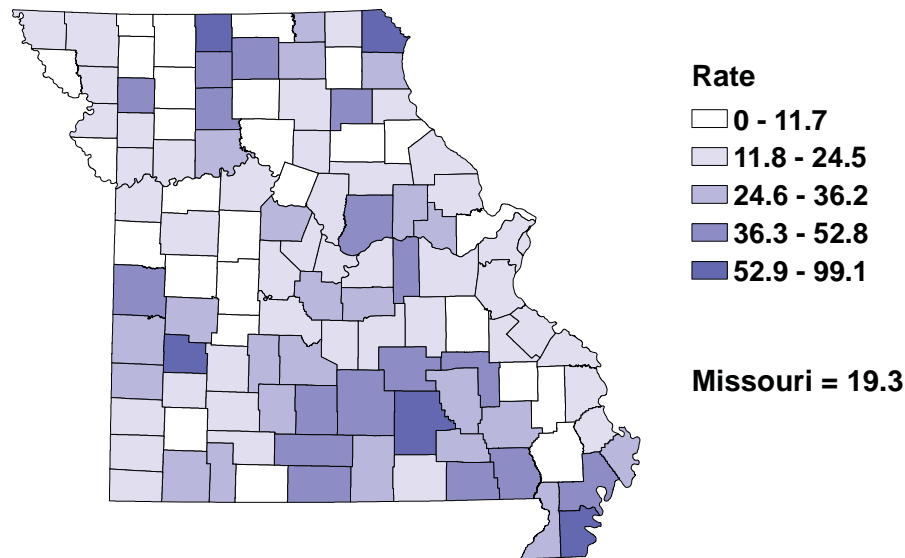
Child safety is another aspect of child well-being. Injuries, both intentional and unintentional, are the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 and 19. Most injuries and injury deaths can be prevented through proven interventions that include: education; environmental or product modification (car seats, bicycle helmets, smoke detectors); and better enforcement of legislation or regulations related to child safety.¹ Intentional injuries occur when there is intent to harm. They include injuries that occur as a result of violence, abuse or neglect. Strategies for preventing these types of injuries are different from the strategies employed to prevent unintentional injuries, and they are not as well understood.²

Childhood maltreatment can adversely affect development, health and well-being in the short and long term. Abused children are at higher risk of mental health disorders and more likely to engage in risk-taking behavior throughout childhood, adolescence and into adulthood.³

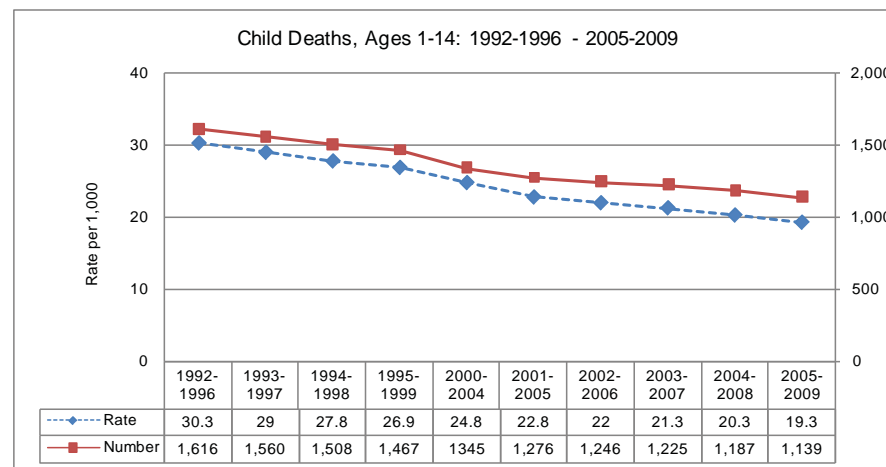
KIDS COUNT tracks four outcomes directly related to children's protection and safety:

- Child death, ages 1-14
- Child abuse and neglect
- Out-of-home placement entries
- Violent teen deaths, ages 15-19.

Child Deaths Age 1-14 per 100,000 by County, 2005-2009



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Child Deaths, Ages 1-14

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of deaths of children ages 1 through 14 from all causes. The rate is expressed per 100,000 children of that age group. Data were combined over five-year periods in order to provide more stable rates.

Significance

As with infant mortality, the child death rate is a significant indicator of child well-being. Although mortality rates drop sharply after the first year of life, children are still at risk from a number of health and environmental factors. This outcome reflects physical health conditions, the amount of adult supervision, and the prevalence of risks that children face every day in their homes and communities.

Missouri Findings

For the current five-year period of 2005-2009, the child death rate was 19.3, a decline from the figure of 24.3 for 2000-2004. For the 2005-2009 period, 1,139 child deaths occurred in Missouri, whereas during the 2000-2004 period, 1,345 deaths occurred.

County Findings

Because of the extremely small number of deaths in most counties, even over a

five-year period, this measure is not used to calculate the composite county rank. Rates should be interpreted with caution. Between 2005-2009, 9 Missouri counties experienced no child deaths: Worth, Chariton, Gentry, Hickory, Ralls, Knox, Putnam, Holt, and Howard. The counties with the highest rates of child death during the same period, all above 50 deaths per 100,000 children, were Clark, Shannon, Pemiscot, Cedar, Mercer, Livingston, and Gasconade.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of child abuse victims from reports classified as “probable cause” that indicates child abuse or neglect has occurred. In addition, this outcome includes the number of child abuse victims that receive family assessments. The rate is expressed per 1,000 children.

Significance

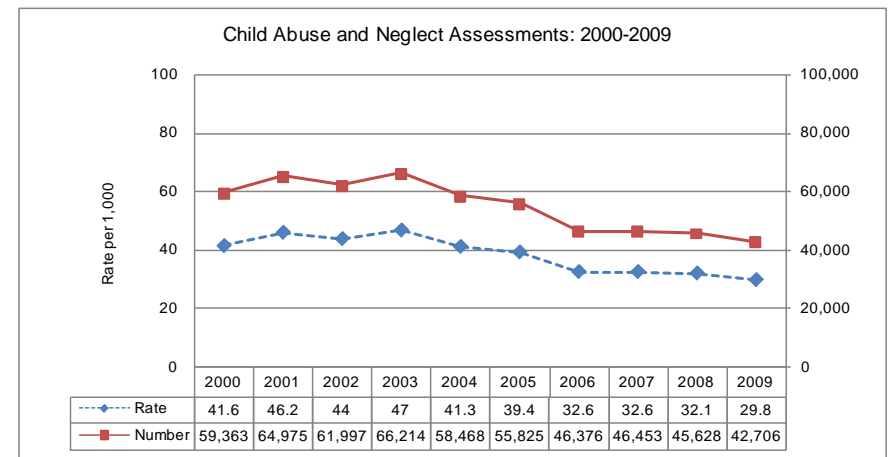
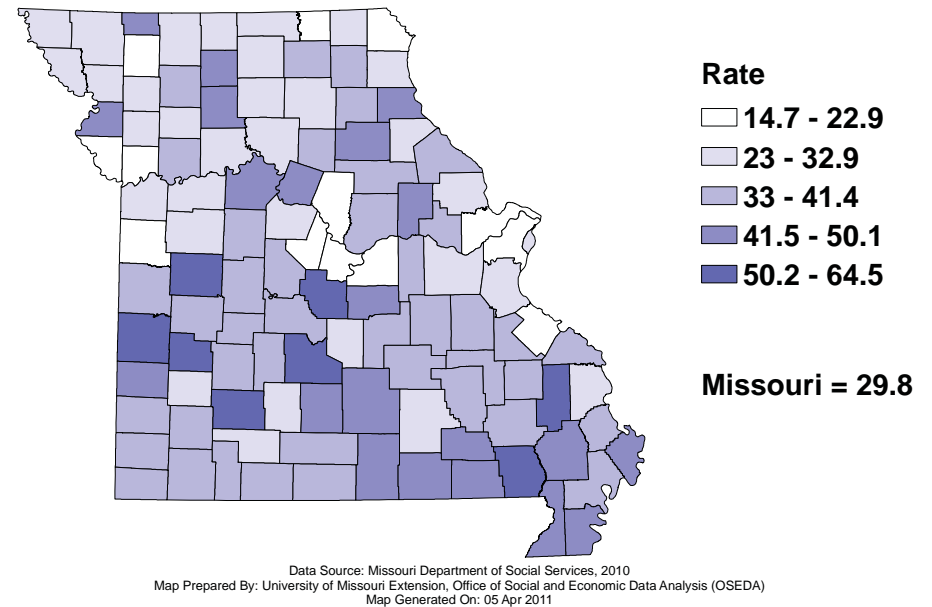
In the United States, about 772,000 children were determined to be victims of child abuse and neglect during 2008.⁴ However, the true incidence of maltreatment is estimated to be up to three times higher. Children who are abused and/or neglected are more likely to experience negative outcomes throughout their lives

in a number of areas:

- Poor physical health (e.g., hypertension, chronic fatigue, obesity, sexually transmitted diseases)
- Poor emotional and mental health (e.g., depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidal ideation, post-traumatic stress disorder)
- Social difficulties (e.g., inability to trust others, inability to appropriately communicate needs and wants)
- Behavioral problems (e.g., aggression and/or abusive and violent behavior, juvenile delinquency, adult criminal behaviors)
- Cognitive problems that lead to poor academic achievement (e.g., deficits in attention, abstract reasoning, language development, problem-solving skills)
- High-risk behaviors (e.g., higher number of lifetime sexual partners, teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance use).⁵

Children who are at highest risk for abuse and neglect often live in families with parents who were abused as children, suffer from mental disorders, have a history of criminal activity, and/or have a substance use problem. Adults who abuse children often have poor coping or problem-solving skills, and are socially isolated. Many are experiencing external stress, such as marital discord,

Child Abuse/Neglect and Family Assessments per 1,000 Under 18 by County, 2009



work instability, or poor living conditions. Parental education levels, particularly maternal education, are also linked to child abuse and neglect. In addition to poverty and other socioeconomic disadvantages, family disorganization, dissolution, or a lack of family cohesion can also contribute to child abuse and neglect. When parents do not understand child development or the needs of children, they are more likely to abuse or neglect. In addition, there is a high risk of abuse for children living in families who experience domestic violence or violence in their communities.⁶ Young children and children with disabilities are more likely to be abused or neglected, and parents are often perpetrators.

Missouri Findings

In 2009, the child abuse and neglect rate was 29.8 (per 1,000 children). This is a decrease from the 2005 rate of 39.1.

In 2009, the Children's Division (Missouri Department of Social Services) received 51,896 reports of child abuse and neglect, involving 75,544 children. Of these, 4,129 reports (5,654 children) were substantiated, meaning child abuse or neglect had occurred, while 25,095 reports (37,052 children) resulted in a family assessment. A family assessment takes the place of a traditional investiga-

tion and requires a prompt assessment of a child believed to be a victim and his or her family. Of the 25,095 reports resulting in a family assessment, 4,852 were identified as needing services from the Children's Division.

The Children's Division provides information on the types of abuse for substantiated reports, but since a report may represent more than one type of abuse, the following numbers do not add up to 4,129. Of the substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect in 2009, 1,517 were classified as physical abuse; 1,739 as neglect; 1,326 as sexual maltreatment; 167 as emotional maltreatment; 117 as medical neglect; and 43 as educational neglect.

In 2009, there were 33 child abuse or neglect fatalities in Missouri, a slight increase from the 30 deaths in 2008.

County Findings

All county rates should be interpreted with caution because reporting practices differ between counties. In 2009, the counties with the lowest rates of child abuse and neglect—all less than 20.0 per 1,000 children—were St. Charles, Osage, Ste. Genevieve, Schuyler, St. Louis, Clay, Platte, and Cole. Six counties had rates above 55.0 per 1,000 children: Greene,

Cedar, Miller, Butler, Laclede, and Vernon.

Out-of-Home Placement Entries

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of entries into the Missouri Children's Division (formerly the Division of Family Services) alternative care, including foster care, group homes, kinship/relative care and residential settings. The rate is expressed per 1,000 children. The Children's Division defines out-of-home placement as out-of-home care that is provided in situations where parents are incapable of providing children with adequate social, emotional, and physical care. Out-of-home is defined as care provided in licensed foster or approved relative family homes, licensed residential facilities or licensed group homes. The service provides substitute settings for children. Children are placed only after it is determined that they cannot remain at home.

This measure is open to multiple interpretations. Increases in out-of-home placement rates may suggest that more children are living in unsafe homes or that attempts to improve the family environment are meeting with less success.

Or, it may suggest that fewer children remain in dangerous situations. If those children who live in dangerous homes are removed and placed in stable, loving environments, they may be safer than children left in their homes. Thus, it is difficult to equate out-of-home placement rates with how well a county is caring for its children.

Significance

Many of the children who are removed from their homes are experiencing profound abuse, neglect or disruption. These children are considered at risk for adverse outcomes.

Children need to live in stable, safe and permanent homes and communities in order to develop their full potential. If a child is residing in an unsafe home or experiencing abuse or neglect, he or she may need to be removed from the home and placed in a new, stable environment. Once a child is placed in a new setting, the state must continue to monitor his or her safety, health, and overall well-being.

Unfortunately, when children are removed from their homes, they often lose contact with other family members and friends, go through multiple placements, and have overlooked physical health, mental health, and educational needs.

Long-term out-of-home placements can have negative consequences for children even into adulthood. Children in foster care may not have the necessary supports to help them develop into self-sufficient adults.

Children who are placed in kinship/relative care (non-parental family members raising children to whom they are related) experience more stability than children in other forms of foster care.⁷

- Children in kinship care suffer fewer changes in placement than do non-kinship care foster children.
- Sixty-three percent of children in kinship foster care are forced to change schools, a number that is far too high but compares favorably to the far higher rates for children residing in group homes (93 %) and in non-kinship foster care (80 %).
- Children in kinship care are more likely to live with their siblings, which research has shown to be beneficial both emotionally and psychologically for foster children.

In addition, children who are in kinship care have greater positive perceptions of their placements, and as a result, have fewer behavioral problems.⁸

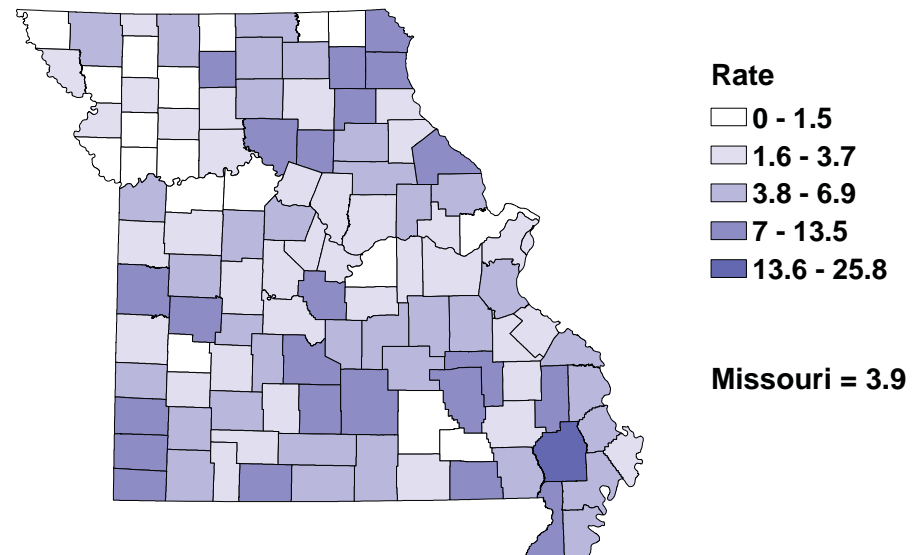
Missouri Findings

In 2009, the out-of-home placement rate was 3.9 (per 1,000 children), a decline from the 4.6 rate for 2005. There were 5,620 out-of-home placement entries in 2009.

County Findings

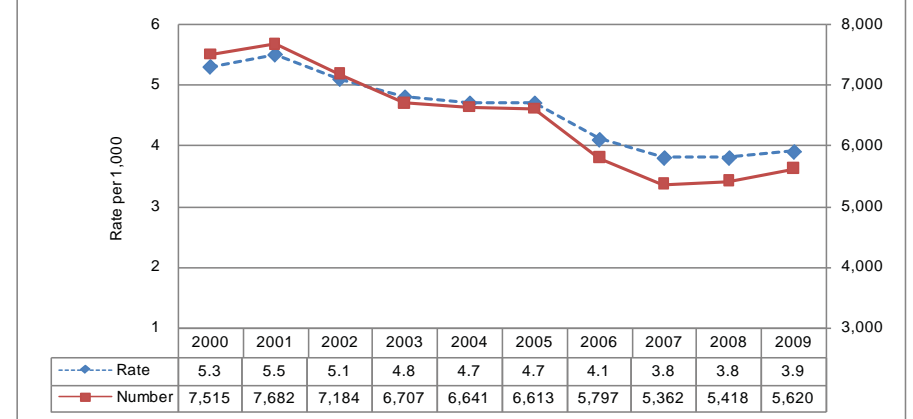
Because of the ambiguous nature of this measure, county rankings should be interpreted with caution. In 2009, seven counties had no out-of-home placement entries: Carter, Scotland, Andrew, Shannon, Gentry, Schuyler, and Osage. The counties with the highest rates, all above 10.0 per 1,000 children, were Stoddard, McDonald, Newtown, Dunklin, Shelby, Knox, Randolph, and Clark.

Out-of-home Placements per 1,000 Children Under 18 by County, 2009

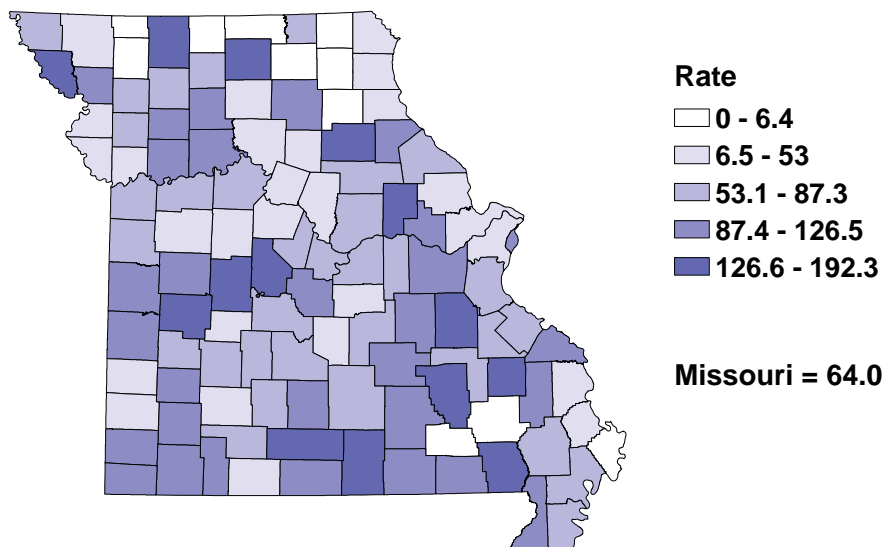


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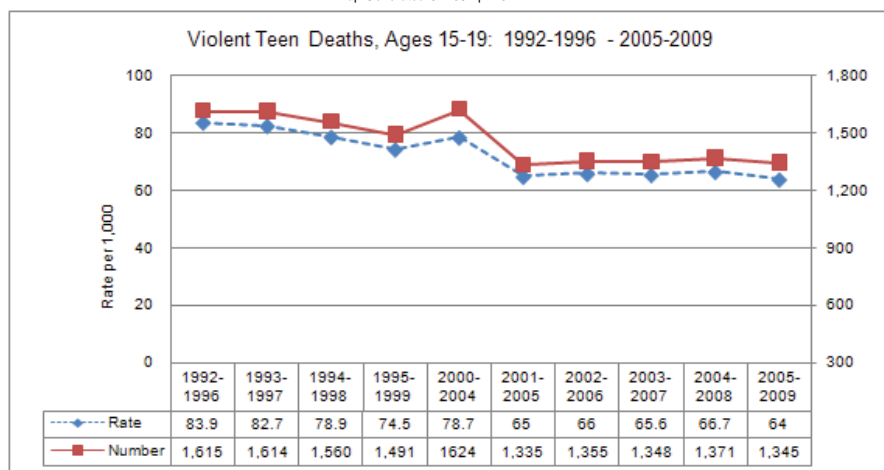
Out-of-Home Placement Entries: 2000-2009



Violent Deaths per 100,000 Teens Ages 15-19 by County, 2005-2009



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Violent Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of deaths of teens ages 15 to 19 from homicides, suicides, motor vehicle crashes and other accidents. The rate is expressed per 100,000 teens of that age group. Data are combined over five-year periods to provide more stable rates.

Significance

The overall rates of injury and death increase dramatically from childhood to late adolescence, due to developmental and social factors such as increasing independence and less time spent with adult supervision.⁹ Biology also plays a role. The maturation of brain networks responsible for self-regulation does not typically occur until late adolescence or early adulthood, making teens more likely to engage in risk-taking behaviors.¹⁰ Nationally, the three leading causes of teen deaths are motor vehicle accidents, homicides and suicides, all of which are preventable.¹¹ Young drivers ages 16-24 are more likely to use cell phones for texting or calling when driving, which dramatically increases their risk of crashing.¹²

Missouri Findings

For the years 2005-2009, 1,345 teens ages 15 to 19 died in Missouri. For those

years, the rate of teen violent death was 64 per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19. This is a decrease from 66.3 for the 2000-2004 period.

County Findings

Because of the extremely small number of deaths in most counties, even over a five-year period, this measure is not used to calculate the composite county rank. Rates should be interpreted with caution. However, 10 Missouri counties experienced no violent teen deaths of those 15 to 19 years old during the 2005 to 2009 time period: Mercer, Shelby, Carter, Mississippi, Wayne, Scotland, Worth, Gen-try, Knox, and Putnam. The counties with the highest violent teen death rate, all over 150 per 100,000 teen ages 15 to 19, were Madison, Monroe, Douglas, Holt, Montgomery, and Washington.

¹ Packard Foundation, *Unintentional Injuries in Childhood*, Future of Children, Vol. 10, Number 1, Spring/Summer 2000.

² *Ibid.*

³ National Institutes of health, National Institute of Mental Health (2009). <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/history-of-childhood-maltreatment-linked-to-higher-rates-of-unemployment-poverty.shtml>

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⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ Schwarz, S. W. (2009, October). *Adolescent violence and unintentional injury in the United States*. New York: National Center for Children in Poverty. Retrieved March 11, 2011, from http://nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_890.pdf.

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OUTCOME MEASURE:
Educational Success

OUTCOME MEASURES educational success

Early childhood, elementary and secondary education lay the foundation for children's future success in our society. Preparing children for school, maximizing their development and achievement in all arenas, and ensuring that they stay in school are key goals to helping all Missouri children have the chance to be productive adults. For Missouri to be a significant economic competitor in the future, the state will need a highly educated and skilled workforce.

Two-thirds of the new jobs created in the United States require some education or training beyond high school¹, yet 30% of high school students nationally fail to earn a high school diploma.² For black and Hispanic students, only about half earn their diploma.³ Clearly, improvement needs to be made in our education pipeline in order to ensure that Missouri cultivates a workforce that has the skills to be productive in the future.

From economists to military generals, the importance of early childhood education has been touted as one of the most logical and cost-effective ways to address problems in the education pipeline. High quality early learning experiences provide the building blocks for children's school readiness. However, children do not develop school readiness skills in isolation. Other

important factors such as the physical and mental health of children and their parents, family economic risk, family structure, home environment, parenting choices, and community and neighborhood characteristics play key roles in the extent to which children are ready for school, as well as schools being ready for children.

Research has demonstrated the positive impact of good preschool programs on children's future academic success. Compared to peers who did not participate in early education programs, children who attend high quality preschools are:

- More likely to have better grades
- Less likely to repeat grades
- Less likely to need special education classes
- More likely to graduate high school and enroll in college.⁴

The effects of quality preschools extend beyond academics. Compared to peers who did not participate in early education programs, children who attend high quality preschools are also:

- Less likely to engage in criminal behavior throughout life
- More likely to be employed
- More likely to have higher earnings

- Less likely to depend on public assistance
- Less likely to become teenage parents.⁵

Approximately two-thirds of Missouri's children under 6 spend a portion of their day in the care of someone other than their parents. Unfortunately, many young Missouri children do not have access to, or cannot afford, the kind of high quality preschool programs that are needed to make a difference in their lives. Missouri should make access to publicly funded, high quality preschool programs an educational priority.

Adolescence is another crucial developmental period in a child's life. There are several key developmental milestones that must be met to ensure a successful transition to productive adulthood, ranging from the most basic—surviving the teen years and avoiding criminal activity—to milestones required for higher level functioning in the adult world, such as succeeding in school and delaying starting a family and childrearing responsibilities. Recent advances in understanding how adolescent brains develop demonstrate that teens do not have all the neural structures in place for appropriate self-regulation. This, of course, explains why teens often act in ways that seem obviously impulsive, irrational, or dangerous. In addition, as discussed above in the context of early

childhood, there are other factors besides personal ones that come into play when examining adolescents' well-being, including the influence of parents, peers, family economics, home environment, and community and neighborhood characteristics.

KIDS COUNT tracks two outcomes related to educational success:

- Annual high school dropouts
- Births to teens, ages 15-19

In addition, four other education-related indicators are reported:

- Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)
- Children with limited English proficiency
- Children receiving subsidized child care
- Licensed child care capacity
- Accredited child care facilities

In comparison to the baseline years, the educational outlook for Missouri children is mixed. One of the most important outcomes, annual high school dropouts, increased 8.3% from 2005 to 2009. On the other hand, births to teens ages 15-19 decreased 3.7% in the same time period. Juvenile law referrals also decreased 3.3% from 2005 to 2008. On the early

childhood education front, the findings are mostly positive. Licensed child care capacity increased 2.7% from 2005 to 2009, while the number of accredited child care centers increased by 24.6%. Conversely, the number of children receiving subsidized child care decreased by 0.4%, which is unusual during an economic downturn, and means that some children in poverty are not receiving the kind of quality child care needed to ensure their safety and success. Finally, as would be expected in our state as it becomes more demographically and culturally diverse, the number of children who have limited English proficiency increased by 2.6% from 2005 to 2009.

Annual High School Dropouts

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of students enrolled in public high schools who left school during the school year without graduating. The rate is expressed as a percent of enrolled students. The formula used to calculate the rate accounts for transfers in and out of a school district. However, it does not include students who drop out of school but eventually earn their General Education Development (GED) certificates. The years indicated are school years; for example, 2009 refers to the 2008-2009 school year.

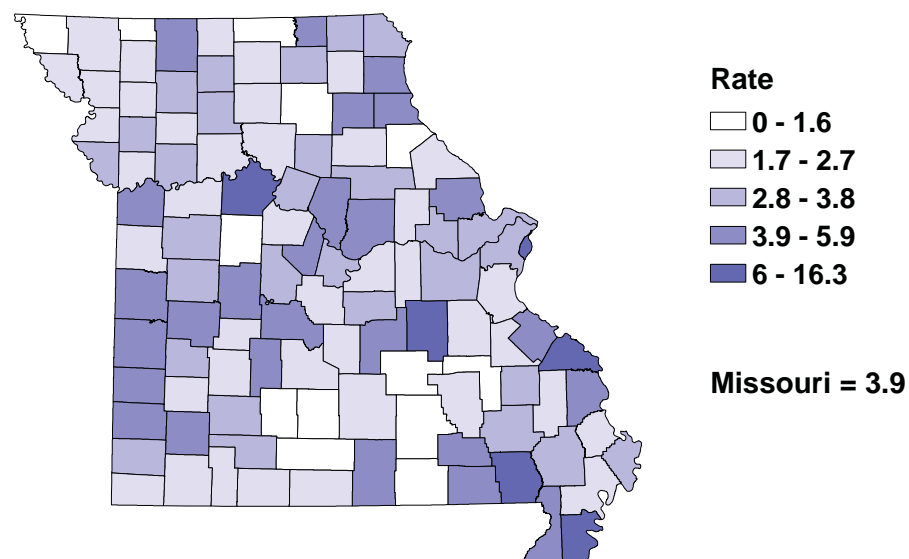
It is important to note that school district superintendents provide dropout information to Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Criteria for how dropout data are calculated and entered may differ from district to district. Dropout data may also be changed for up to ten years. This means that the dropout rates reported this year may not match data presented in earlier years.

Significance

When students drop out of high school, they face many challenges that hinder their abilities to become successful and productive adults. In 2007, the median annual income for a high school dropout in the United States was \$24,964, whereas the median income for a high school graduate was \$32,862.⁶ Youth who leave high school without receiving a diploma are more likely to be unemployed, receive public assistance, and be incarcerated as adults.⁷ In addition, high school dropouts are more likely to be single parents and to have children who also do not complete high school.⁸

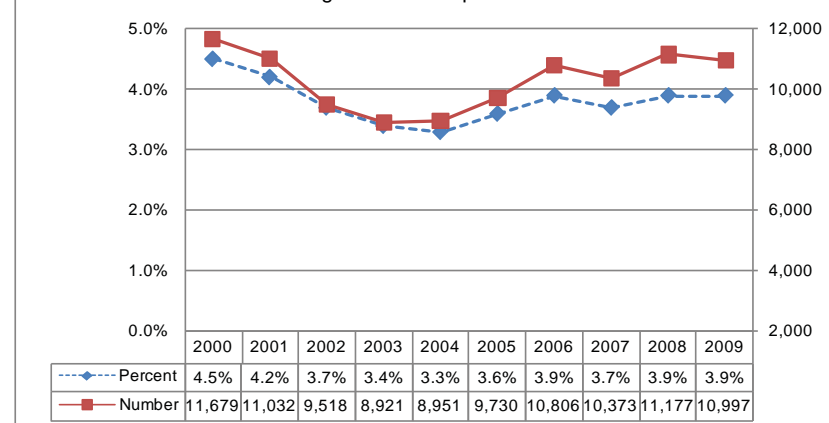
Research shows that over their working lives, the average high school dropout will have a negative net fiscal contribution to society of nearly \$5,200, while the average high school graduate generates a positive lifetime contribution of

Annual High School Dropout Rate by County, 2009



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Annual High School Dropouts: 2000-2009



\$287,000. Relative to an average person who graduates high school, the average high school dropout will cost taxpayers over \$292,000 in lower tax revenues, higher cash and in-kind transfer costs, and more incarceration costs.⁹ Addressing the dropout problem can help support long-term economic growth within a state.

Missouri Findings

For the 2008-2009 school year, Missouri's high school dropout rate was 3.9%, which was unchanged from the year before. This figure represented 10,997 students dropping out of school. The dropout rate bottomed out at 3.4% in 2003 and 2004, and since then has been trending upward. In 2005, the rate was 3.6%.

County Findings

Seven counties had dropout rates of 1% or less in 2009: Shannon, Wright, Atchison, Dent, Putnam, Worth and Douglas. Conversely, 16.3% of enrolled high school students in the City of St. Louis dropped out in 2009. Other counties that had dropout rates exceeding 6% were Butler, Crawford, Saline, Perry, and Pemiscot.

Births to Teens, ages 15-19

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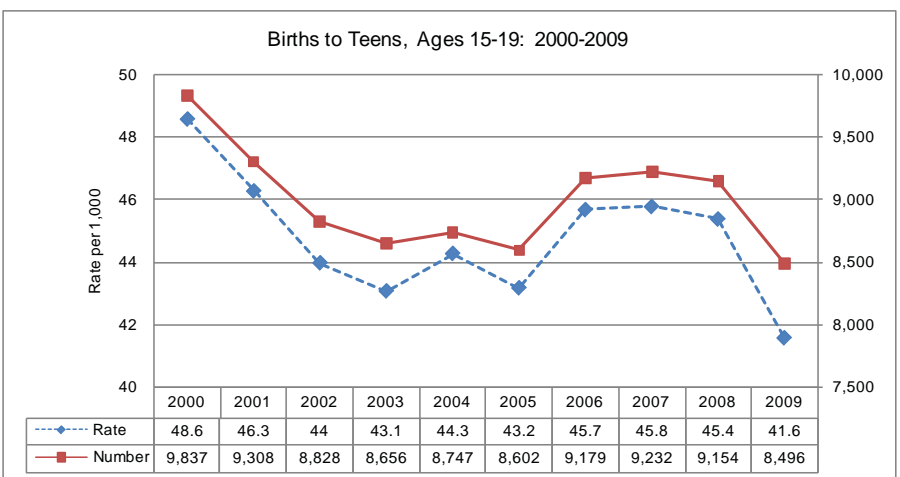
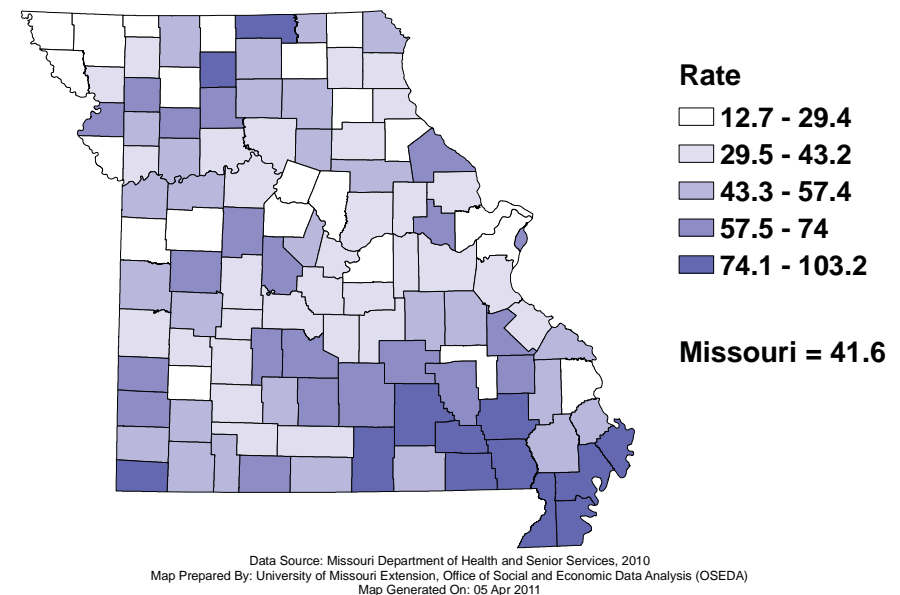
KIDS COUNT tracks the number of live births to teen girls ages 15 to 19. The rate is expressed per 1,000 females of that age group.

Significance

Giving birth as a teen presents social, economic and health risks for both the mother and baby. Teen mothers are more likely than other young women to drop out of school, remain unmarried and become single parents, and live in poverty and rely on public assistance.¹⁰ The children of teen mothers also face adverse consequences since teen mothers are less likely to have the necessary financial resources, social supports, and parenting skills to ensure healthy child development. Research has shown that, compared to children born to older mothers, children born to teen mothers are more likely to:

- Be classified as low birth weight
- Be premature
- Suffer abuse and neglect
- Have lower language and math skills
- Have less general knowledge
- Show deficits in social and emotional skills
- Experience more problems in physical

Births to Teens Age 15-19 per 1,000 Females by County, 2009



well-being and motor development

- Drop out of high school
- Become teen parents as well
- Spend time in prison.^{11, 12, 13}

Although figures have been declining, the United States still has the highest rate of teen births among comparable countries.¹⁴

Missouri Findings

The rate of births to teen mothers decreased from 43.2 births per 1,000 teen girls in 2005 to 41.6 births per 1,000 teen girls in 2009.

County Findings

Five counties had teen birth rates less than 20.0 (per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19) in 2009: Shelby, Worth, Adair, Davies and Mercer. High teen birth rates (above 80.0 per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19) were found in Pemiscot, Putnam, Ripley, Mississippi, Grundy, Dunklin, and Butler counties.

Juvenile Law Violation Referrals, Ages 10-17 (per 1,000)

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of referrals to the 45 juvenile courts in Missouri for acts that would be violations of

the Missouri Criminal Code if committed by an adult.

Significance

Antisocial behavior may be a normal part of growing up or the beginning of a long-term pattern of adult criminal activity. Many young people commit some kind of petty offense at some point during their adolescence and yet do not become adult criminals. However, studies have shown that about half the adolescents that had juvenile justice records went on to become adults with felony records.^{15, 16, 17}

Because the brain networks responsible for self-regulation are continuing to develop in adolescence, teenagers are less likely to think about future consequences of their present actions, are more likely to take greater risks, make impulsive decisions, and are vulnerable to coercion by peers.¹⁸ In addition, other familial and societal factors also play direct and indirect roles, including poverty, family instability, family conflict and violence, poor parental supervision, and gang membership.¹⁹

Missouri Findings

The rate of juvenile law violation referrals for youth ages 10 to 17 has declined from 57.1 per 1,000 in 2005 to 55.2 per 1,000 in 2008. There were 35,658 juvenile law referrals in 2008. This number

represents separately disposed court referrals, not individual youths.

In 2008, males accounted for 64% of all referrals. Minority youth comprised 33% of the referrals, whereas non-minority youth accounted for 67%. Minority youths continue to have a disproportionate involvement with the juvenile justice system.

County Findings

In 2008, the counties with the lowest juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10 to 17, per 1,000, were Knox, Schuyler, and Wayne counties. These counties all had rates below 10.0 per 1,000 youth. The counties with the highest rates in 2008 (all above 88.0 per 1,000 youths) were Mississippi, Cape Girardeau, Randolph, Cooper, Barton, Boone and St. Louis City.

Children with Limited English Proficiency

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of children enrolled in Missouri schools that have been defined as limited in their English proficiency.

Significance

When children have difficulty speaking, reading, or otherwise communicating in English because of their home language, it can affect their abilities to succeed academically. However, since the sources of these data are individual school districts, and because there are no absolute guidelines for identifying such students, the number of students with limited English proficiency (LEP) is difficult to compare across time and across counties.

Missouri Findings

The number of children enrolled in Missouri schools deemed to have limited English proficiency increased slightly from 18,745 in 2005 to 19,238 in 2009.

County Findings

In 2009, the counties with the most number of children with limited English proficiency were part of the Kansas City and St. Louis metropolitan areas: Jackson, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Clay, and St. Charles counties. From 2005 to 2009, the counties that gained the most number of children with limited English proficiency were Clay, Greene, St. Charles, Buchanan, Pettis, and Boone.

Thirty counties reported zero children with limited English proficiency.

Children Receiving Subsidized Child Care

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of children participating in one of the following subsidized child care programs: FUTURES, transitional, income maintenance/income eligible, at-risk, and child care and development block grant.

Significance

State child care assistance is essential in providing reliable child care for children of low-income parents who would otherwise not be able to afford such care. Without assistance, many low-income families would be forced to go into debt, return to welfare, or choose lower quality child care arrangements. For center-based care, the average cost of full-time child care for an infant in Missouri is \$6,722; a 4 year old in full-time center-based care, the average cost was \$4,628. For home-based care, the average cost of full-time child care for an infant in Missouri is \$4,895; for a four-year-old in full-time home-based care, the average cost is \$4,340.²⁰ These figures are nearly equal to tuition at state universities. The prohibitive cost of child care often forces families to make difficult decisions such as leaving a job to take care of children or enrolling their child in low-quality care that is not regulated

by the state.

In 2009, eligibility for child care assistance was at 127% of the federal poverty threshold, one of the lowest levels in the nation. In fact, Missouri ranks 49th in terms of supporting poor families with child care.²¹

Missouri Findings

In 2009, 43,765 children received subsidized child care in Missouri, a slight drop from the 2005 figure of 43,953. This is troubling because the current economic downturn has left many Missouri families in need of affordable child care, yet inadequate funding, low eligibility levels, and barriers to enrollment have kept many families from accessing this service.

County Findings

From 2005 to 2009, the counties that added the most number of slots for subsidized child care were St. Louis, St. Louis City, Clay, Franklin, and Jefferson. The counties that lost the most number of slots during the same time period were Boone, Pemiscot, Cape Girardeau, Jasper, Randolph, Mississippi, and Scott.

Licensed Child Care Capacity

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of

spaces in licensed family child care homes, group child care homes, and child care centers. Licensed facilities must undergo regular fire, sanitation and health inspections, as well as regular inspections by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Section for Child Care Regulation. Licensing requirements and regulations address the maximum child-to-staff ratio per age group and setting, caregiver training and educational requirements, caregiver age, what background checks are needed for caregivers and household members, how children may be disciplined, and food and nutrition requirements.

Significance

For child care programs, meeting licensure requirements is a first step toward providing quality care. However, licensure only addresses the basic needs and requirements for facilities that provide child care and is not a guarantee of high quality services. Licensed child care capacity, relative to the number of children needing child care in a community, is an important factor in determining whether families can find and afford care for their children.

Missouri Findings

In 2010, Missouri had 150,542 spaces available in licensed child care facilities, a small increase from the 146,546 slots available in 2005.

County Findings

From 2005 to 2009, the counties that added the most number of slots in licensed child care facilities were St. Louis City, St. Charles, Pettis, Greene, Pemiscot, Cass, and Jefferson. The counties that lost the most number of slots during the same time period were Jackson, St. Louis, Boone, Buchanan, Clay, and Randolph.

Accredited Child Care Facilities

Definition

KIDS COUNT tracks the number of child care facilities that are accredited by at least one of the following state-approved accrediting entities: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Missouri Accreditation (MO-A), National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), National Afterschool Association (NAA), National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA), Council on Accreditation (COA), and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Significance

Accreditation is a voluntary process that child care facilities, including after-school care programs, go through to demonstrate that the program they offer

meets the accrediting entity's standards for quality. Accreditation standards go beyond licensing requirements and address every aspect of a facility's operations.

Missouri Findings

In 2010, 557 child care facilities were accredited by one of the state-approved accrediting bodies, an increase from 447 in 2005. Some of these increases may be attributed to various state and local initiatives that have endeavored to increase the quality of early childhood and afterschool care.

County Findings

From 2005 to 2010, the counties that gained the most number of accredited child care facilities were St. Louis, Buchanan, Greene, Marion, and Polk. The counties that lost the most number of accredited facilities during the same time period were St. Louis City, Jackson, Phelps, and Cole.

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COUNTY PROFILES

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COUNTY'S DATA

Understanding the 2010 State and County Profile Pages

KIDS COUNT provides a comprehensive view of the status of children in Missouri through outcome measures and contextual indicators. Measures and indicators are reported comparatively and as trends.

The 2010 KIDS COUNT state and county pages include ten outcome measures reported by base year, 2005, and current year, 2009. For four measures (low birth weight infants, infant mortality, child deaths, and violent teen deaths), five-year periods of data are aggregated to provide more stable rates. Similarly, base year and current year data at five-year increments are provided for the 19 supplementary indicators.

On the county pages, both counts and rates are given for the outcome measures. The count represents the number of cases (e.g., children, incidents, events) who meet the outcome measure definition over a given number of years (one or five years, depending on the measure). A count is presented for both the base and current years. The rate represents the ratio of cases measured by the indicator to the total possible population of cases that could be affected over the one or five year period. The ratio is expressed as either a percent or a rate per a specific increment of the popula-

tion such as 'per 1,000' or 'per 100,000'. The state rate is also provided for each outcome measure.

A symbol is provided for each outcome measure to describe the direction of the trend between the base year and current year. A 'check mark' symbol indicates outcomes for children are improving, while an 'x' symbol indicates a decline in the well-being of a county's children. Detailed definitions of the KIDS COUNT in Missouri outcome measures are provided in the 'Data Notes & Sources' section.

Counties are assigned a rank between 1 (best) and 115 to describe the relative well-being of their children compared to Missouri as well as other counties and the City of St. Louis. A composite county rank is calculated for each county based on six of ten outcome measures. Four measures (low birth weight infants, child deaths, child abuse and neglect, and violent deaths) are not used to calculate this rate due to instability or inconsistencies in the data.

Using County Data

The KIDS COUNT in Missouri 2010 Data Book and the entire data set are available online on the Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis website: www.oseda.missouri.edu/kidscount.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Center also provides easy online access to KIDS COUNT in Missouri data, as well as child well-being data for all U.S. states and many cities, counties, and school districts. Data indicators can be found for such topics as education, employment and income, health, poverty, and youth risk factors.

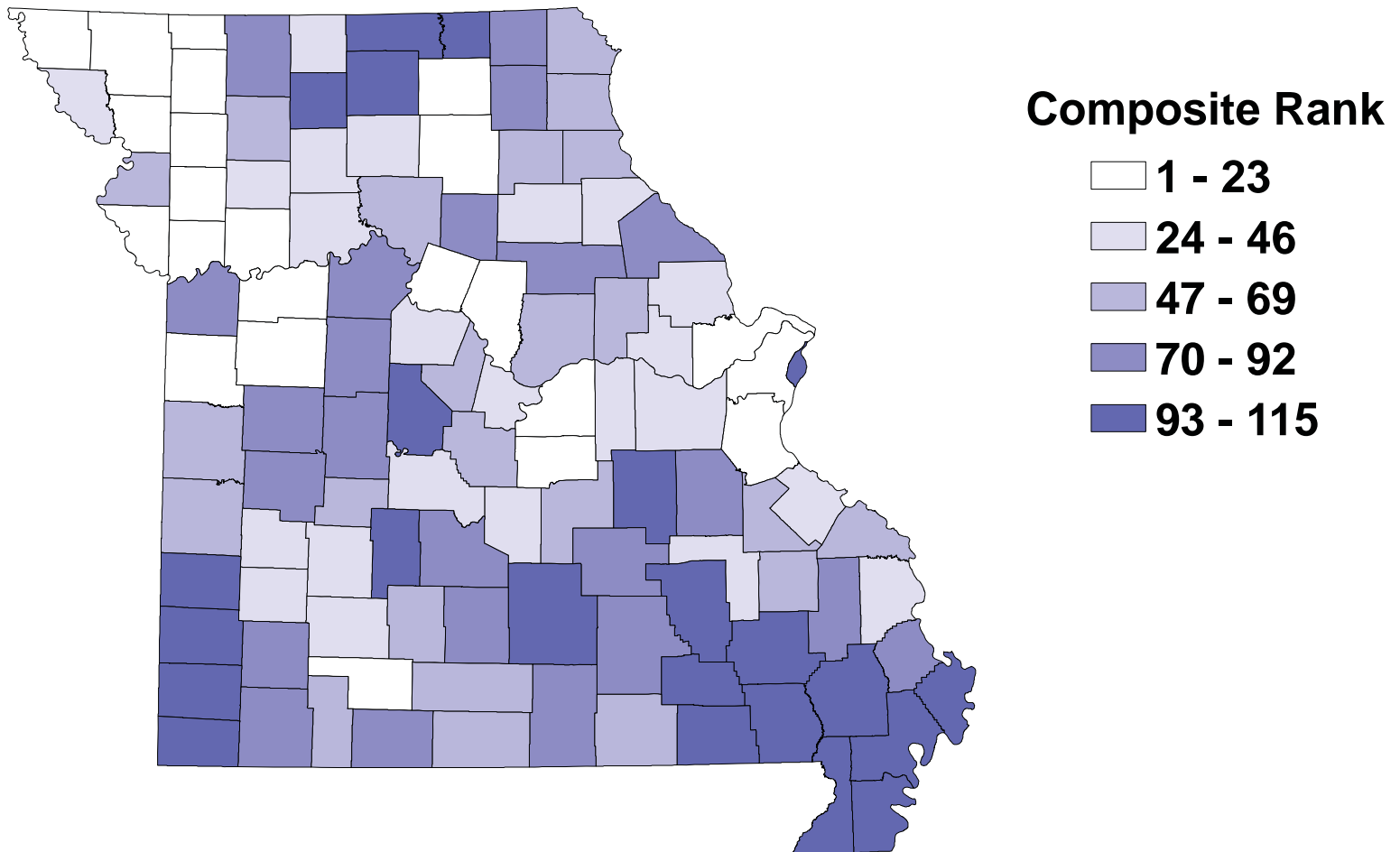
On the KIDS COUNT Data Center, users can:

- Access detailed information for communities across the country for use in planning, preparing reports, needs assessments, and crafting policies.
- Rank states, cities, and other geographic areas by key indicators of child well being.
- Generate customized maps and trend lines that show differences in outcomes for children within or across states.
- Create graphs, maps, and charts for a website or blog that will automatically update as new data is added to the KIDS COUNT Data Center.
- Share information and comment via social networking sites.
- Access research and recommendations on best practices to improve outcomes for children.

To view **KIDS COUNT in Missouri** data on the KIDS COUNT Data Center visit:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Missouri Kids Count, 2010 Composite County Rankings



Data Source: Missouri KidsCount, 2010
Map Prepared By: University of Missouri Extension, Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSEDa)
Map Generated On: 05 Apr 2011

Adair County

► County Seat - Kirksville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,114	1,270	37.8%	43.1%	✗	43.6%	34
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	36	44	13.4%	14.8%	✗	17.1%	31
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	89	142	6.4%	9.4%	✗	8.1%	102
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	10	6.5	6.6	✗	7.3	53
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	5	22.0	25.6	✗	19.3	73
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	222	183	47.9	38.4	✓	29.8	75
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	44	23	9.5	4.8	✓	3.9	72
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	27	33	2.8%	3.4%	✗	3.9%	74
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	18	30	10.0	17.1	✗	41.6	3
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	1	26.8	6.4	✓	64.0	11

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

** Update: An unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through the Missouri Department of Mental Health

► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,603
	2010	4,972
Children as percent of total population	2006	18.8%
	2010	19.4%
Minority children	2005	7.1%
	2009	8.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	12
	2009	29

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	16.8%
	2008	20.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.4%
	2008	30.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	21.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,342
	2008	\$27,082
Adult unemployment	2005	4.2%
	2009	6.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.2%
	2009	79.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	57
	2009	45
Licensed child care capacity	2005	356
	2010	546
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.6%
	2009	2.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	34.0%
	2009	36.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.0%
	2009	38.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	140
	2009	113
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	79.2
	2008	81.7

Andrew County

► County Seat - Savannah

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	888	846	31.5%	30.2%	✓	43.6%	4
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	12	23	6.2%	12.2%	✗	17.1%	20
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	58	46	6.4%	4.8%	✓	8.1%	4
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	4.4	4.2	✓	7.3	19
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	3	18.5	18.0	✓	19.3	41
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	165	113	40.4	27.5	✓	29.8	23
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	2	0	0.5	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	21	2.2%	2.4%	✗	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	25	27.7	40.9	✗	41.6	48
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	7	98.7	116.3	✗	64.0	95

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,163
	2010	4,164
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.2%
	2010	24.1%
Minority children	2005	4.5%
	2009	6.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	10.5%
	2008	15.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	8.9%
	2008	14.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.1%
	2008	24.7%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,805
	2008	\$27,571
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	7.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	64.8%
	2009	88.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	46
	2009	54
Licensed child care capacity	2005	147
	2010	281
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.4%
	2009	1.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	17.7%
	2009	20.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	22.1%
	2009	20.2%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	44
	2009	24
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	14.9
	2008	26.7

Atchison County

► County Seat - Rock Port

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

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○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	458	380	48.6%	42.8%	✓	43.6%	29
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	4	5	6.1%	7.8%	✗	17.1%	4
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	16	17	5.3%	5.5%	✗	8.1%	7
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	0	0.0	0.0	○	7.3	1
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	1	18.9	19.0	✗	19.3	47
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	58	40	39.8	29.6	✓	29.8	29
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3	2	2.1	1.5	✓	3.9	18
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	5	3	1.7%	0.9%	✓	3.9%	3
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	4	21.7	20.7	✓	41.6	9
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	2	0.0	78.6	✗	64.0	64

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,433
	2010	1,182
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	20.8%
Minority children	2005	9.2%
	2009	11.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.7%
	2008	18.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	16.3%
	2008	19.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	16.8%
	2008	22.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,332
	2008	\$26,024
Adult unemployment	2005	4.6%
	2009	7.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.7%
	2009	137%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	13
	2009	8
Licensed child care capacity	2005	109
	2010	119
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.0%
	2009	2.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	26.6%
	2009	24.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	35.2%
	2009	23.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	6.0%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	12
	2009	15
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	32.5
	2008	38.7

Audrain County

► County Seat - Mexico

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,471	1,621	43.6%	49.8%	✗	43.6%	59
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	134	125	34.9%	34.0%	✓	17.1%	105
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	157	144	8.2%	7.4%	✓	8.1%	63
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	10	7.8	5.1	✓	7.3	29
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	6	12.4	22.6	✗	19.3	64
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	200	227	31.9	35.4	✗	29.8	59
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	21	25	3.3	3.9	✗	3.9	57
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	31	35	2.9%	3.0%	✗	3.9%	63
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	49	44	56.3	56.3	○	41.6	78
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	6	70.4	72.6	✗	64.0	53

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,319
	2010	6,369
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.6%
	2010	24.9%
Minority children	2005	11.4%
	2009	13.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	20
	2009	49

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	23.3%
	2008	32.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	30.3%
	2008	35.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.4%
	2008	23.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,029
	2008	\$32,400
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	9.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.8%
	2009	65.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	108
	2009	95
Licensed child care capacity	2005	498
	2010	440
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.5%
	2009	4.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.0%
	2009	35.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	38.8%
	2009	34.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	1.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	117
	2009	98
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	72.3
	2008	70.9

Barry County

► County Seat - Cassville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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✓ = Better

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,331	3,606	52.2%	56.5%	✗	43.6%	85
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	209	144	39.0%	29.2%	✓	17.1%	98
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	196	195	8.0%	7.5%	✓	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	16	19	6.6	7.3	✗	7.3	64
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	12	20.2	30.9	✗	19.3	82
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	440	330	47.4	35.2	✓	29.8	58
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	63	49	6.8	5.2	✓	3.9	78
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	43	49	2.2%	2.5%	✗	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	72	66	62.4	52.5	✓	41.6	70
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	17	12	143.4	96.5	✓	64.0	83

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

** Update: An unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through the Missouri Department of Mental Health

► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,440
	2010	8,640
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.9%
	2010	24.3%
Minority children	2005	15.9%
	2009	20.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	539
	2009	632

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	23.5%
	2008	22.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	24.4%
	2008	31.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.9%
	2008	21.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,625
	2008	\$30,116
Adult unemployment	2005	4.9%
	2009	8.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.7%
	2009	64.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	116
	2009	84
Licensed child care capacity	2005	343
	2010	315
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	7
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.5%
	2009	4.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.3%
	2009	44.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	45.1%
	2009	42.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	74
	2009	62
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	23.3
	2008	34.7

Barton County

► County Seat - Lamar

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,016	1,085	47.8%	52.9%	✗	43.6%	67
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	26	39	16.8%	27.7%	✗	17.1%	95
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	61	57	7.1%	7.0%	✓	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	6	4.7	7.4	✗	7.3	66
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	4	45.0	29.8	✓	19.3	80
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	182	142	53.7	45.4	✓	29.8	94
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	12	15	3.5	4.8	✗	3.9	69
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	22	31	3.6%	4.8%	✗	3.9%	102
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	22	27	52.6	63.8	✗	41.6	94
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	1	150.7	22.7	✓	64.0	12

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,373
	2010	3,214
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.9%
	2010	25.9%
Minority children	2005	4.8%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	7

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.9%
	2008	17.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.4%
	2008	22.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.2%
	2008	24.0%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,729
	2008	\$26,778
Adult unemployment	2005	5.0%
	2009	10.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.1%
	2009	78.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	64
	2009	60
Licensed child care capacity	2005	224
	2010	157
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.4%
	2009	5.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	35.3%
	2009	44.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	43.3%
	2009	45.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	28
	2009	20
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	61.9
	2008	90.1

Bates County

► County Seat - Butler

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,228	1,173	43.8%	43.8%	○	43.6%	38
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	65	30	28.3%	15.4%	✓	17.1%	35
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	70	78	6.5%	7.2%	✗	8.1%	54
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	6	4.7	5.6	✗	7.3	37
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	30.4	40.8	✗	19.3	98
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	257	137	59.7	33.3	✓	29.8	49
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	20	30	4.6	7.3	✗	3.9	94
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	24	36	2.9%	4.4%	✗	3.9%	94
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	41	29	66.9	54.2	✓	41.6	72
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	77.3	117.2	✗	64.0	97

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,235
	2010	4,254
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.7%
	2010	25.0%
Minority children	2005	5.2%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	10
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	18.3%
	2008	22.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.2%
	2008	22.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.3%
	2008	26.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,570
	2008	\$26,628
Adult unemployment	2005	6.3%
	2009	10.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.8%
	2009	79.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	35
	2009	17
Licensed child care capacity	2005	206
	2010	270
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.0%
	2009	3.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.5%
	2009	35.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	38.5%
	2009	36.2%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	7.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	26
	2009	22
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	47.0
	2008	55.0

Benton County

► County Seat - Warsaw

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,487	1,518	54.9%	60.3%	✗	43.6%	94
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	34	32	19.8%	20.8%	✗	17.1%	59
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	48	58	6.0%	7.0%	✗	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	8	6.3	9.7	✗	7.3	96
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	1	45.0	7.2	✓	19.3	13
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	168	122	46.3	35.9	✓	29.8	62
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8	7	2.2	2.1	✓	3.9	26
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	29	34	3.2%	4.1%	✗	3.9%	89
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	28	20	50.9	39.6	✓	41.6	45
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	8	110.8	145.7	✗	64.0	109

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,523
	2010	3,437
Children as percent of total population	2006	18.8%
	2010	18.0%
Minority children	2005	4.2%
	2009	4.4%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	16
	2009	9

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	24.5%
	2008	29.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.5%
	2008	34.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.8%
	2008	34.0%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,732
	2008	\$25,164
Adult unemployment	2005	6.1%
	2009	10.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.4%
	2009	73.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	89
	2009	80
Licensed child care capacity	2005	95
	2010	247
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	8.8%
	2009	8.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	45.6%
	2009	50.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	53.9%
	2009	53.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	1.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	34
	2009	20
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	49.4
	2008	44.6

Bollinger County

► County Seat - Marble Hill

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	892	989	46.2%	53.8%	✗	43.6%	75
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	32	26	21.3%	19.1%	✓	17.1%	50
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	44	57	6.1%	7.5%	✗	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	7	8.3	9.3	✗	7.3	93
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	17.0	8.7	✓	19.3	18
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	127	146	43.0	53.0	✗	29.8	108
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	21	5.4	7.6	✗	3.9	96
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	21	11	3.6%	1.9%	✓	3.9%	18
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	26	20	59.4	47.8	✓	41.6	60
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	89.4	93.0	✗	64.0	75

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,915
	2010	2,917
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.7%
	2010	23.6%
Minority children	2005	3.5%
	2009	4.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.4%
	2008	21.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	16.8%
	2008	25.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.5%
	2008	21.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,093
	2008	\$25,254
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	10.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.4%
	2009	73.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	74
	2009	53
Licensed child care capacity	2005	158
	2010	170
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.3%
	2009	6.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	35.9%
	2009	44.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.3%
	2009	46.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	36
	2009	28
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	27.9
	2008	62.6

Boone County

► County Seat - Columbia

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	6,228	7,266	30.2%	34.1%	✗	43.6%	10
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	222	225	11.4%	10.5%	✓	17.1%	11
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	779	762	8.5%	7.4%	✓	8.1%	63
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	68	59	7.5	5.7	✓	7.3	39
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	18	16.1	13.2	✓	19.3	29
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	981	760	31.0	22.9	✓	29.8	13
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	92	64	2.9	1.9	✓	3.9	25
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	271	273	4.1%	4.0%	✓	3.9%	86
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	141	160	19.2	21.7	✗	41.6	10
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	29	30	45.9	43.1	✓	64.0	34

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	32,243
	2010	34,251
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.1%
	2010	21.1%
Minority children	2005	21.8%
	2009	23.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	337
	2009	571

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	12.1%
	2008	17.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	15.0%
	2008	19.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	25.6%
	2008	27.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$30,986
	2008	\$34,145
Adult unemployment	2005	3.5%
	2009	6.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.8%
	2009	54.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	1,420
	2009	1,130
Licensed child care capacity	2005	5,780
	2010	5,379
Accredited child care facilities	2005	27
	2010	31
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.6%
	2009	4.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	27.3%
	2009	32.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	32.5%
	2009	31.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	412
	2009	272
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	93.4
	2008	88.9

Buchanan County

► County Seat - St. Joseph

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	6,331	6,810	48.5%	51.5%	✗	43.6%	65
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	204	287	18.1%	21.2%	✗	17.1%	65
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	424	472	7.5%	7.3%	✓	8.1%	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	41	52	7.3	8.1	✗	7.3	81
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	20	25.0	23.4	✓	19.3	67
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,663	990	81.8	47.0	✓	29.8	99
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	49	39	2.4	1.9	✓	3.9	21
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	98	104	2.4%	2.6%	✗	3.9%	50
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	164	209	54.0	69.0	✗	41.6	99
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	11	41.3	35.3	✓	64.0	21

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	20,344
	2010	20,963
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	23.5%
Minority children	2005	11.3%
	2009	14.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	60
	2009	314

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.0%
	2008	22.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	16.2%
	2008	27.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	26.5%
	2008	35.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$31,869
	2008	\$34,829
Adult unemployment	2005	5.8%
	2009	8.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	69.7%
	2009	68.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	726
	2009	695
Licensed child care capacity	2005	2,213
	2010	1,915
Accredited child care facilities	2005	8
	2010	17
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.8%
	2009	6.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	37.1%
	2009	46.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	41.6%
	2009	43.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	2.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	394
	2009	216
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	62.4
	2008	65.9

Butler County

► County Seat - Poplar Bluff

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,448	3,796	56.9%	61.4%	✗	43.6%	97
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	158	155	26.4%	27.5%	✗	17.1%	93
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	262	293	9.4%	9.9%	✗	8.1%	105
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	30	11.9	10.2	✓	7.3	98
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	19	18.6	46.6	✗	19.3	106
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	756	548	77.4	55.3	✓	29.8	112
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	37	56	3.8	5.7	✗	3.9	84
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	88	128	5.0%	7.2%	✗	3.9%	114
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	91	98	74.3	80.9	✗	41.6	109
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	17	65.1	133.1	✗	64.0	104

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,790
	2010	9,971
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	12.6%
	2009	13.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	16

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.9%
	2008	33.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	30.8%
	2008	48.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	26.0%
	2008	34.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,038
	2008	\$30,673
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	8.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	47.2%
	2009	50.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	480
	2009	417
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,049
	2010	1,156
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	9.8%
	2009	9.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	50.5%
	2009	54.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	55.9%
	2009	57.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	133
	2009	93
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	57.2
	2008	79.4

Caldwell County

► County Seat - Kingston

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	717	759	43.4%	46.9%	✗	43.6%	47
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	25	26	17.9%	22.4%	✗	17.1%	71
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	47	63	7.9%	10.4%	✗	8.1%	109
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	3	15.1	5.0	✓	7.3	27
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	21.6	10.1	✓	19.3	23
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	125	71	51.4	29.7	✓	29.8	30
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	5	4	2.1	1.7	✓	3.9	20
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	1	10	0.2%	1.8%	✗	3.9%	16
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	22	35.7	67.3	✗	41.6	97
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	59.2	118.7	✗	64.0	98

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,449
	2010	2,404
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.3%
	2010	25.5%
Minority children	2005	4.8%
	2009	6.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.1%
	2008	19.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	18.8%
	2008	22.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.7%
	2008	28.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,647
	2008	\$29,357
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.1%
	2009	79.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	11
	2009	8
Licensed child care capacity	2005	90
	2010	70
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.3%
	2009	4.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	28.8%
	2009	31.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	37.5%
	2009	30.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	21
	2009	15
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	17.9
	2008	25.6

Callaway County

► County Seat - Fulton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,025	2,089	38.9%	42.2%	✗	43.6%	26
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	87	72	16.8%	14.8%	✓	17.1%	31
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	223	240	8.9%	9.4%	✗	8.1%	102
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	31	6.0	12.2	✗	7.3	106
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	17	32.6	41.6	✗	19.3	100
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	561	371	55.0	37.4	✓	29.8	70
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	50	28	4.9	2.8	✓	3.9	43
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	70	90	4.1%	5.1%	✗	3.9%	105
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	53	53	32.5	32.7	✗	41.6	29
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	14	10	82.1	58.1	✓	64.0	42

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	10,201
	2010	10,003
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.7%
	2010	22.6%
Minority children	2005	8.4%
	2009	9.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	6

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	10.3%
	2008	11.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.6%
	2008	11.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.2%
	2008	26.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$31,767
	2008	\$33,633
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	8.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	48.9%
	2009	62.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	128
	2009	142
Licensed child care capacity	2005	635
	2010	715
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	5
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.0%
	2009	3.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	26.2%
	2009	30.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	34.8%
	2009	31.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	170
	2009	133
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	53.6
	2008	66.0

Camden County

► County Seat - Camdenton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,324	2,537	45.3%	49.8%	✗	43.6%	58
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	76	69	18.4%	17.4%	✓	17.1%	43
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	140	147	7.3%	6.9%	✓	8.1%	43
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	10	6.3	4.7	✓	7.3	24
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	7	34.9	22.2	✓	19.3	62
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	371	266	49.0	34.1	✓	29.8	52
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	60	29	7.9	3.7	✓	3.9	56
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	42	74	2.4%	4.4%	✗	3.9%	94
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	51	39	47.3	38.4	✓	41.6	40
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	9	97.7	79.1	✓	64.0	65

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	7,770
	2010	8,390
Children as percent of total population	2006	19.3%
	2010	19.1%
Minority children	2005	5.3%
	2009	6.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	27
	2009	61

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.0%
	2008	27.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.5%
	2008	38.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.9%
	2008	39.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,608
	2008	\$28,157
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.4%
	2009	66.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	84
	2009	52
Licensed child care capacity	2005	582
	2010	580
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.8%
	2009	3.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	33.6%
	2009	42.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.3%
	2009	43.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	84
	2009	52
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	53.1
	2008	66.4

Cape Girardeau County

► County Seat - Jackson

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,475	3,842	37.2%	42.1%	✗	43.6%	24
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	147	134	15.6%	14.2%	✓	17.1%	28
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	335	377	7.7%	7.9%	✗	8.1%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	27	34	6.2	7.1	✗	7.3	62
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	15	19.3	22.5	✗	19.3	63
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	640	522	39.9	32.0	✓	29.8	40
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	60	75	3.7	4.6	✗	3.9	66
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	132	124	4.1%	4.1%	○	3.9%	89
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	112	94	34.9	29.4	✓	41.6	22
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	8	43.6	26.4	✓	64.0	15

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	16,291
	2010	16,599
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.7%
	2010	21.9%
Minority children	2005	13.0%
	2009	14.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	52
	2009	62

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.4%
	2008	20.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.4%
	2008	33.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.2%
	2008	32.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$30,187
	2008	\$32,815
Adult unemployment	2005	4.3%
	2009	7.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.1%
	2009	67.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	626
	2009	467
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,672
	2010	2,015
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.2%
	2009	4.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.1%
	2009	34.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	35.3%
	2009	34.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	246
	2009	209
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	76.0
	2008	128.2

Carroll County

► County Seat - Carrollton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	859	778	49.0%	48.7%	✓	43.6%	53
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	21	20	20.4%	18.3%	✓	17.1%	48
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	37	33	6.3%	6.2%	✓	8.1%	19
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	4	8.5	7.5	✓	7.3	68
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	3	0.0	31.1	✗	19.3	83
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	123	72	49.0	32.1	✓	29.8	41
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1	5	0.4	2.2	✗	3.9	31
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	11	2.1%	2.2%	✗	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	13	38.7	41.9	✗	41.6	50
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	57.3	117.0	✗	64.0	96

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,441
	2010	2,192
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.3%
	2010	23.6%
Minority children	2005	6.3%
	2009	6.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.0%
	2008	17.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	22.0%
	2008	21.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.2%
	2008	21.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,744
	2008	\$30,950
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	10.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	61.1%
	2009	79.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	18
	2009	13
Licensed child care capacity	2005	72
	2010	102
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.0%
	2009	4.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.3%
	2009	35.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.4%
	2009	35.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	3.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	14
	2009	11
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	67.8
	2008	51.2

Carter County

► County Seat - Van Buren

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	954	807	71.7%	66.0%	✓	43.6%	105
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	22	19	27.8%	22.6%	✓	17.1%	72
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	25	42	6.5%	10.1%	✗	8.1%	107
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	5.2	9.6	✗	7.3	95
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	2	17.7	33.3	✗	19.3	86
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	97	64	65.7	43.7	✓	29.8	90
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1	0	0.7	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	18	2.6%	4.6%	✗	3.9%	101
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	15	53.1	75.4	✗	41.6	105
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	0	340.1	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,479
	2010	1,515
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.8%
	2010	24.2%
Minority children	2005	4.8%
	2009	5.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	36.1%
	2008	41.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.0%
	2008	31.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.8%
	2008	32.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,669
	2008	\$23,423
Adult unemployment	2005	6.2%
	2009	10.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.7%
	2009	101%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	21
	2009	15
Licensed child care capacity	2005	160
	2010	132
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	8.5%
	2009	6.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	55.2%
	2009	56.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	67.9%
	2009	61.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	20
	2009	11
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	41.1
	2008	27.8

Cass County

► County Seat - Harrisonville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	4,291	5,442	25.9%	30.7%	✗	43.6%	6
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	144	155	11.5%	12.0%	✗	17.1%	18
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	378	415	6.4%	6.4%	○	8.1%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	35	38	6.0	5.9	✓	7.3	44
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	17	10	18.1	9.3	✓	19.3	19
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	699	536	27.3	20.2	✓	29.8	9
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	58	1.1	2.2	✗	3.9	30
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	127	139	2.4%	2.5%	✗	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	114	97	35.0	27.6	✓	41.6	20
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	21	20	67.0	57.0	✓	64.0	40

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	25,942
	2010	26,385
Children as percent of total population	2006	27.1%
	2010	26.5%
Minority children	2005	10.9%
	2009	13.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	100
	2009	175

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	7.0%
	2008	10.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	7.9%
	2008	13.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.4%
	2008	26.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,176
	2008	\$32,091
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	9.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.9%
	2009	70.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	381
	2009	412
Licensed child care capacity	2005	2,006
	2010	2,647
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	5
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.8%
	2009	2.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	18.0%
	2009	25.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	24.1%
	2009	24.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	210
	2009	125
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	38.3
	2008	56.8

Cedar County

► County Seat - Stockton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,114	1,184	49.1%	53.6%	✗	43.6%	73
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	42	32	25.6%	20.9%	✓	17.1%	60
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	54	45	6.8%	5.5%	✓	8.1%	7
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	6	8.8	7.4	✓	7.3	66
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	8	16.2	62.2	✗	19.3	112
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	215	187	63.2	58.5	✓	29.8	114
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	9	1	2.6	0.3	✓	3.9	8
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	24	2.6%	3.2%	✗	3.9%	68
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	25	18	51.9	40.6	✓	41.6	47
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	4	133.6	75.4	✓	64.0	59

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,339
	2010	3,308
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	23.7%
Minority children	2005	5.9%
	2009	6.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	24.8%
	2008	29.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.4%
	2008	34.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.5%
	2008	21.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,616
	2008	\$25,938
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	9.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.3%
	2009	68.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	66
	2009	78
Licensed child care capacity	2005	192
	2010	161
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.3%
	2009	6.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	38.7%
	2009	47.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	52.6%
	2009	50.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	39
	2009	19
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	42.3
	2008	43.3

Chariton County

► County Seat - Keytesville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	487	458	42.3%	44.8%	✗	43.6%	41
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	11	9	12.0%	11.1%	✓	17.1%	14
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	31	23	7.7%	5.1%	✓	8.1%	5
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	7	4.9	15.5	✗	7.3	112
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	29.6	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	91	51	51.9	30.2	✓	29.8	32
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	14	15	8.0	8.9	✗	3.9	106
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	4	8	0.9%	2.2%	✗	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3	7	9.7	30.7	✗	41.6	25
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	1	122.9	39.1	✓	64.0	27

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,751
	2010	1,769
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.8%
	2010	22.6%
Minority children	2005	4.7%
	2009	5.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.4%
	2008	12.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.4%
	2008	14.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	14.4%
	2008	17.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,157
	2008	\$28,638
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	9.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.6%
	2009	104%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	25
	2009	19
Licensed child care capacity	2005	130
	2010	150
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.5%
	2009	2.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.5%
	2009	26.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	35.7%
	2009	31.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	6.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	8
	2009	9
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	20.4
	2008	17.6

Christian County

► County Seat - Ozark

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,427	4,735	29.9%	35.0%	✗	43.6%	11
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	116	108	10.6%	10.3%	✓	17.1%	10
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	227	345	5.3%	6.5%	✗	8.1%	30
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	22	30	5.1	5.7	✗	7.3	39
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	11	23.8	13.6	✓	19.3	31
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	608	550	34.3	26.7	✓	29.8	18
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	137	51	7.7	2.5	✓	3.9	37
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	99	109	3.1%	2.8%	✓	3.9%	55
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	95	79	45.2	31.6	✓	41.6	27
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	13	64.0	55.2	✓	64.0	39

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	18,777
	2010	21,186
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.6%
	2010	27.4%
Minority children	2005	5.4%
	2009	7.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	17
	2009	92

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.2%
	2008	14.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	15.8%
	2008	18.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	20.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,600
	2008	\$28,327
Adult unemployment	2005	4.2%
	2009	8.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.8%
	2009	65.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	283
	2009	318
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,472
	2010	1,806
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	5
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.2%
	2009	2.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	22.1%
	2009	27.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	30.3%
	2009	29.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	164
	2009	132
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	34.0
	2008	41.8

Clark County

► County Seat - Kahoka

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	492	456	45.4%	45.1%	✓	43.6%	42
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	23	12	23.7%	14.1%	✓	17.1%	27
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	27	8.3%	5.9%	✓	8.1%	11
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	5.0	6.5	✗	7.3	51
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	7	28.9	99.1	✗	19.3	115
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	79	36	44.6	21.4	✓	29.8	10
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	17	8.5	10.1	✗	3.9	108
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	17	11	4.6%	3.2%	✓	3.9%	68
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	10	14	40.0	57.4	✗	41.6	81
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	1	38.5	40.2	✗	64.0	30

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,748
	2010	1,717
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	24.1%
Minority children	2005	3.4%
	2009	3.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.7%
	2008	22.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	15.5%
	2008	19.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.2%
	2008	22.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$20,837
	2008	\$23,262
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	12.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.5%
	2009	91.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	47
	2009	17
Licensed child care capacity	2005	140
	2010	127
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.7%
	2009	1.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	33.4%
	2009	31.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.7%
	2009	38.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	21
	2009	16
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	12.8
	2008	34.8

Clay County

► County Seat - Liberty

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	8,233	10,614	24.9%	29.4%	✗	43.6%	3
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	316	320	10.4%	10.0%	✓	17.1%	8
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	962	1,102	6.8%	6.9%	✗	8.1%	43
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	79	88	5.6	5.5	✓	7.3	35
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	40	35	20.7	15.2	✓	19.3	35
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,777	1,019	34.0	17.7	✓	29.8	6
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	83	53	1.6	0.9	✓	3.9	13
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	251	326	2.5%	2.6%	✗	3.9%	50
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	197	224	29.9	31.2	✗	41.6	26
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	32	27	49.8	38.2	✓	64.0	25

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	53,987
	2010	57,267
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.1%
	2010	25.8%
Minority children	2005	15.2%
	2009	18.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	591
	2009	1,128

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	6.4%
	2008	8.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	6.9%
	2008	9.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.2%
	2008	26.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$39,276
	2008	\$43,473
Adult unemployment	2005	4.6%
	2009	8.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	63.0%
	2009	65.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	699
	2009	802
Licensed child care capacity	2005	5,013
	2010	4,720
Accredited child care facilities	2005	16
	2010	16
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.0%
	2009	2.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	17.9%
	2009	23.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	21.3%
	2009	21.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	532
	2009	439
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	51.1
	2008	46.4

Clinton County

► County Seat - Plattsburg

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	975	1,141	29.3%	33.6%	✗	43.6%	9
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	34	34	12.6%	12.8%	✗	17.1%	21
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	91	89	7.3%	6.8%	✓	8.1%	38
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	9	4.8	6.8	✗	7.3	58
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	3	41.3	14.3	✓	19.3	32
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	206	137	40.1	26.7	✓	29.8	19
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8	4	1.6	0.8	✓	3.9	11
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	22	35	2.2%	3.2%	✗	3.9%	68
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	25	30	38.3	45.7	✗	41.6	55
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	5	94.1	71.3	✓	64.0	52

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,070
	2010	5,094
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.5%
	2010	24.6%
Minority children	2005	5.0%
	2009	6.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.3%
	2008	7.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	13.5%
	2008	3.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.4%
	2008	28.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$26,428
	2008	\$31,121
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.5%
	2009	75.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	28
	2009	25
Licensed child care capacity	2005	235
	2010	299
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.3%
	2009	2.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	18.8%
	2009	25.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	23.6%
	2009	24.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	56
	2009	49
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	19.4
	2008	23.3

Cole County

► County Seat - Jefferson City

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,481	3,923	34.9%	39.1%	✗	43.6%	19
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	129	142	13.5%	15.4%	✗	17.1%	34
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	315	360	6.7%	7.3%	✗	8.1%	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	30	38	6.4	7.7	✗	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	19	12	28.5	16.6	✓	19.3	38
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	580	342	33.4	19.4	✓	29.8	8
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	105	41	6.0	2.3	✓	3.9	35
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	185	108	5.5%	3.1%	✓	3.9%	64
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	83	90	34.2	37.7	✗	41.6	37
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	15	80.6	60.7	✓	64.0	46

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	17,347
	2010	17,937
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.7%
	2010	23.6%
Minority children	2005	15.6%
	2009	17.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	231
	2009	126

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.5%
	2008	12.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	15.0%
	2008	19.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.1%
	2008	30.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$32,869
	2008	\$36,151
Adult unemployment	2005	4.1%
	2009	6.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	35.0%
	2009	11.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	320
	2009	360
Licensed child care capacity	2005	2,800
	2010	2,871
Accredited child care facilities	2005	5
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.7%
	2009	5.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	22.0%
	2009	29.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	27.7%
	2009	36.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	148
	2009	82
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	59.3
	2008	71.9

Cooper County

► County Seat - Boonville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,022	1,086	40.6%	44.4%	✗	43.6%	40
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	32	48	17.9%	23.5%	✗	17.1%	76
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	68	94	7.2%	9.0%	✗	8.1%	99
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	8	4.3	7.6	✗	7.3	70
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	4	68.5	25.5	✓	19.3	72
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	172	116	44.9	30.0	✓	29.8	31
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	12	16	3.1	4.1	✗	3.9	62
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	19	23	2.2%	2.4%	✗	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	11	29.6	20.6	✓	41.6	8
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	2	45.9	29.6	✓	64.0	16

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,871
	2010	3,979
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.2%
	2010	22.6%
Minority children	2005	9.7%
	2009	9.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	12.8%
	2008	15.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	13.0%
	2008	14.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.2%
	2008	24.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,872
	2008	\$28,761
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	9.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.7%
	2009	74.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	106
	2009	95
Licensed child care capacity	2005	413
	2010	378
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.4%
	2009	4.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	26.9%
	2009	34.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	32.9%
	2009	32.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	18
	2009	16
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	38.9
	2008	100.7

Crawford County

► County Seat - Steelville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,714	1,751	51.0%	53.0%	✗	43.6%	68
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	114	83	34.0%	28.1%	✓	17.1%	96
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	135	135	8.9%	8.2%	✓	8.1%	86
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	9	3.3	5.5	✗	7.3	35
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	6	39.2	24.2	✓	19.3	69
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	236	220	39.7	36.4	✓	29.8	64
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	31	30	5.2	5.0	✓	3.9	74
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	62	69	6.0%	7.1%	✗	3.9%	113
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	60	44	78.7	56.8	✓	41.6	80
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	8	122.3	97.6	✓	64.0	86

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,056
	2010	6,001
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.2%
	2010	24.3%
Minority children	2005	4.7%
	2009	5.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	6
	2009	11

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	23.3%
	2008	20.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	30.5%
	2008	14.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.6%
	2008	36.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$26,976
	2008	\$31,365
Adult unemployment	2005	6.0%
	2009	11.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.7%
	2009	68.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	94
	2009	75
Licensed child care capacity	2005	360
	2010	380
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.7%
	2009	6.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.5%
	2009	46.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.4%
	2009	43.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	52
	2009	41
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	66.7
	2008	47.9

Dade County

► County Seat - Greenfield

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	660	679	53.8%	59.2%	✗	43.6%	92
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	18	9	21.2%	11.4%	✓	17.1%	16
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	34	23	7.9%	5.6%	✓	8.1%	9
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	3	7.0	7.3	✗	7.3	64
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	1	71.7	14.6	✓	19.3	34
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	99	48	57.3	29.3	✓	29.8	28
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3	4	1.7	2.4	✗	3.9	36
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	9	11	2.2%	2.7%	✗	3.9%	54
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	6	51.4	27.1	✓	41.6	19
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	3	143.5	123.8	✓	64.0	100

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,722
	2010	1,785
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.1%
	2010	22.6%
Minority children	2005	4.6%
	2009	5.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.1%
	2008	19.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	18.3%
	2008	23.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	15.6%
	2008	25.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,550
	2008	\$25,934
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	8.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.6%
	2009	89.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	16
	2009	14
Licensed child care capacity	2005	80
	2010	55
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.9%
	2009	4.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	40.5%
	2009	40.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	51.7%
	2009	50.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	14
	2009	8
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	36.2
	2008	23.5

Dallas County

► County Seat - Buffalo

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,018	1,079	54.5%	60.4%	✗	43.6%	95
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	76	74	37.1%	32.2%	✓	17.1%	101
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	72	69	6.7%	6.1%	✓	8.1%	15
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	9	9.3	7.9	✓	7.3	78
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	6	49.2	34.9	✓	19.3	89
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	212	157	50.9	37.3	✓	29.8	68
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	30	21	7.2	5.0	✓	3.9	75
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	39	19	6.9%	3.9%	✓	3.9%	84
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	30	33	50.6	59.6	✗	41.6	83
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	4	81.6	66.6	✓	64.0	48

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,204
	2010	4,169
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.2%
	2010	24.8%
Minority children	2005	4.8%
	2009	6.4%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	4

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.4%
	2008	30.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	33.2%
	2008	43.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.1%
	2008	24.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,576
	2008	\$24,918
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	11.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.8%
	2009	82.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	58
	2009	51
Licensed child care capacity	2005	170
	2010	176
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.0%
	2009	6.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	37.1%
	2009	44.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.4%
	2009	44.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	33
	2009	24
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	57.0
	2008	56.2

Daviess County

► County Seat - Gallatin

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	642	587	48.7%	49.0%	✗	43.6%	55
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	42	37	33.9%	32.5%	✓	17.1%	102
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	39	49	6.4%	7.8%	✗	8.1%	77
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	8	9.9	12.7	✗	7.3	108
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	1	48.4	11.0	✓	19.3	24
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	84	73	38.1	33.1	✓	29.8	47
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	14	2	6.3	0.9	✓	3.9	12
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	15	11	3.9%	2.8%	✓	3.9%	55
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	5	38.1	18.3	✓	41.6	4
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	2	142.1	69.1	✓	64.0	51

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,218
	2010	2,252
Children as percent of total population	2006	27.5%
	2010	26.7%
Minority children	2005	3.6%
	2009	4.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	21.3%
	2008	27.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	25.6%
	2008	31.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	15.4%
	2008	17.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,088
	2008	\$26,493
Adult unemployment	2005	4.8%
	2009	8.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.3%
	2009	89.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	36
	2009	10
Licensed child care capacity	2005	50
	2010	30
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.4%
	2009	2.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.5%
	2009	29.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	37.8%
	2009	32.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	1.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	17
	2009	13
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	18.6
	2008	17.5

DeKalb County

► County Seat - Maysville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	508	429	41.2%	38.5%	✓	43.6%	16
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	12	18	10.1%	14.8%	✗	17.1%	30
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	30	43	5.4%	7.6%	✗	8.1%	73
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	2	3.6	3.5	✓	7.3	11
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	4	11.3	43.9	✗	19.3	103
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	112	63	50.6	28.8	✓	29.8	26
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	6	1.8	2.7	✗	3.9	41
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	8	8	1.9%	2.2%	✗	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	9	17	29.0	60.5	✗	41.6	86
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	3	166.8	87.3	✓	64.0	71

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,265
	2010	2,310
Children as percent of total population	2006	18.4%
	2010	17.9%
Minority children	2005	3.8%
	2009	6.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	10.8%
	2008	14.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	11.5%
	2008	14.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.4%
	2008	20.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,727
	2008	\$27,125
Adult unemployment	2005	5.8%
	2009	9.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.6%
	2009	79.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	29
	2009	19
Licensed child care capacity	2005	72
	2010	90
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.2%
	2009	2.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.8%
	2009	30.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	33.7%
	2009	29.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	0.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	23
	2009	20
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	18.7
	2008	31.8

Dent County

► County Seat - Salem

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,076	1,081	55.8%	56.5%	✗	43.6%	86
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	49	53	27.2%	26.8%	✓	17.1%	90
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	62	82	6.9%	9.0%	✗	8.1%	99
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	5.5	7.7	✗	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	7	14.3	49.0	✗	19.3	108
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	197	138	54.9	39.7	✓	29.8	81
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	41	14	11.4	4.0	✓	3.9	60
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	29	6	4.2%	0.9%	✓	3.9%	3
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	28	35	55.7	74.0	✗	41.6	102
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	5	77.8	98.7	✗	64.0	87

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,588
	2010	3,652
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	4.2%
	2009	5.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	24.3%
	2008	28.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	21.7%
	2008	27.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.1%
	2008	30.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$26,915
	2008	\$29,381
Adult unemployment	2005	6.2%
	2009	9.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.5%
	2009	69.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	68
	2009	30
Licensed child care capacity	2005	139
	2010	139
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.1%
	2009	5.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	42.5%
	2009	48.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	59.1%
	2009	58.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	1.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	31
	2009	22
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	67.0
	2008	44.8

Douglas County

► County Seat - Ava

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,063	1,089	64.5%	69.8%	✗	43.6%	112
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	25	17	15.7%	13.1%	✓	17.1%	23
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	37	68	5.4%	8.7%	✗	8.1%	95
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	7	4.4	9.0	✗	7.3	89
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	6	24.0	47.2	✗	19.3	107
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	145	120	44.8	38.5	✓	29.8	76
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	15	3.4	4.8	✗	3.9	71
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	8	5	1.5%	1.0%	✓	3.9%	7
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	19	57.8	43.2	✓	41.6	53
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	9	40.4	189.3	✗	64.0	113

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,191
	2010	3,061
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	22.4%
Minority children	2005	3.8%
	2009	4.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.8%
	2008	24.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	27.8%
	2008	34.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.2%
	2008	28.7%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,875
	2008	\$32,808
Adult unemployment	2005	6.1%
	2009	9.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.9%
	2009	81.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	73
	2009	26
Licensed child care capacity	2005	126
	2010	106
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.9%
	2009	6.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	44.1%
	2009	53.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	56.1%
	2009	54.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	20
	2009	19
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	62.2
	2008	31.2

Dunklin County

► County Seat - Kennett

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,881	3,724	67.2%	67.6%	✗	43.6%	108
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	188	172	39.7%	37.2%	✓	17.1%	112
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	240	284	10.2%	11.8%	✗	8.1%	111
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	23	28	9.8	11.6	✗	7.3	104
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	12	27.1	35.6	✗	19.3	92
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	581	388	69.8	48.7	✓	29.8	102
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	145	98	17.4	12.3	✓	3.9	112
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	68	91	4.4%	5.9%	✗	3.9%	109
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	95	85	89.4	87.0	✓	41.6	110
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	12	73.1	110.5	✗	64.0	94

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	8,251
	2010	8,084
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.6%
	2010	25.3%
Minority children	2005	23.0%
	2009	25.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	251
	2009	136

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	33.9%
	2008	31.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	37.5%
	2008	39.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	28.7%
	2008	47.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,932
	2008	\$25,201
Adult unemployment	2005	7.2%
	2009	10.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.6%
	2009	51.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	276
	2009	241
Licensed child care capacity	2005	780
	2010	748
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	16.1%
	2009	12.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	66.6%
	2009	68.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	69.6%
	2009	63.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	125
	2009	90
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	23.7
	2008	69.7

Franklin County

► County Seat - Union

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	4,995	5,896	31.7%	37.1%	✗	43.6%	14
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	231	223	18.0%	17.0%	✓	17.1%	40
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	438	483	6.7%	7.3%	✗	8.1%	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	32	51	4.9	7.7	✗	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	19	16	19.3	15.3	✓	19.3	36
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	809	680	31.8	26.9	✓	29.8	21
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	123	76	4.8	3.0	✓	3.9	47
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	157	156	3.0%	2.9%	✓	3.9%	58
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	130	120	37.8	35.7	✓	41.6	35
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	34	92.9	97.4	✗	64.0	84

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	25,519
	2010	25,104
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.5%
	2010	24.7%
Minority children	2005	4.1%
	2009	4.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	60
	2009	94

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	7.9%
	2008	14.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	8.9%
	2008	15.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.5%
	2008	21.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$30,017
	2008	\$33,007
Adult unemployment	2005	5.7%
	2009	12.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.6%
	2009	66.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	267
	2009	335
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,680
	2010	1,444
Accredited child care facilities	2005	5
	2010	7
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.0%
	2009	2.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	21.2%
	2009	27.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	25.8%
	2009	25.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	219
	2009	102
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	41.2
	2008	50.1

Gasconade County

► County Seat - Hermann

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,084	1,164	35.2%	40.1%	✗	43.6%	20
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	41	23	22.9%	15.8%	✓	17.1%	37
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	52	74	6.2%	8.6%	✗	8.1%	93
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	9	8.4	10.5	✗	7.3	100
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	35.2	51.3	✗	19.3	109
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	153	114	42.8	35.1	✓	29.8	57
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	12	7	3.4	2.2	✓	3.9	28
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	34	23	3.3%	2.1%	✓	3.9%	24
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	29	20	51.8	38.8	✓	41.6	41
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	4	92.4	74.6	✓	64.0	55

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,484
	2010	3,364
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.3%
	2010	22.1%
Minority children	2005	2.8%
	2009	3.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.2%
	2008	13.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.7%
	2008	18.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	32.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,804
	2008	\$26,143
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	11.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.4%
	2009	80.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	37
	2009	44
Licensed child care capacity	2005	323
	2010	319
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.6%
	2009	1.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.2%
	2009	33.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	30.8%
	2009	32.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	29
	2009	20
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	45.0
	2008	82.9

Gentry County

► County Seat - Albany

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	462	479	39.2%	43.0%	✗	43.6%	32
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	22	24	25.0%	30.0%	✗	17.1%	99
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	24	26	6.4%	6.1%	✓	8.1%	15
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	5.3	0.0	✓	7.3	1
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	15.6	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	67	33	43.3	22.6	✓	29.8	12
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	5	0	3.2	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	7	9	1.9%	2.4%	✗	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	17	7	72.6	35.2	✓	41.6	34
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	0	160.6	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,528
	2010	1,654
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	24.5%
Minority children	2005	2.9%
	2009	3.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	14.2%
	2008	18.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.2%
	2008	17.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.7%
	2008	21.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,531
	2008	\$25,053
Adult unemployment	2005	4.4%
	2009	6.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.6%
	2009	76.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	19
	2009	22
Licensed child care capacity	2005	194
	2010	197
Accredited child care facilities	2005	4
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.7%
	2009	2.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	21.2%
	2009	27.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	32.4%
	2009	31.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	25
	2009	19
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	43.9
	2008	42.0

Greene County

► County Seat - Springfield

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	13,525	15,928	37.8%	43.0%	✗	43.6%	33
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	580	536	16.8%	15.1%	✓	17.1%	33
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	1,105	1,252	7.0%	7.0%	○	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	123	117	7.8	6.6	✓	7.3	53
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	39	34	18.5	14.5	✓	19.3	33
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3,791	3,707	69.3	64.5	✓	29.8	115
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	400	309	7.3	5.4	✓	3.9	81
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	454	436	4.3%	3.8%	✓	3.9%	82
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	408	373	42.2	37.9	✓	41.6	38
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	49	38	55.5	39.2	✓	64.0	28

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	55,719
	2010	58,373
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.9%
	2010	21.2%
Minority children	2005	10.7%
	2009	11.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	223
	2009	503

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.6%
	2008	21.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	16.7%
	2008	26.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.9%
	2008	33.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$32,381
	2008	\$35,405
Adult unemployment	2005	4.2%
	2009	8.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.6%
	2009	61.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	1,521
	2009	1,461
Licensed child care capacity	2005	6,693
	2010	7,384
Accredited child care facilities	2005	11
	2010	18
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.2%
	2009	4.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.3%
	2009	38.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	39.3%
	2009	38.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	597
	2009	367
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	74.9
	2008	63.9

Grundy County

► County Seat - Trenton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	804	752	53.5%	51.6%	✓	43.6%	66
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	29	50	24.8%	34.0%	✗	17.1%	106
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	46	42	7.1%	6.5%	✓	8.1%	30
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	3.1	4.6	✗	7.3	22
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	21.9	41.8	✗	19.3	101
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	160	116	68.7	50.1	✓	29.8	107
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	24	18	10.3	7.8	✓	3.9	98
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	12	4.2%	2.9%	✓	3.9%	58
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	17	28	48.3	87.2	✗	41.6	111
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	2	81.2	58.4	✓	64.0	43

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,271
	2010	2,467
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.2%
	2010	24.0%
Minority children	2005	7.1%
	2009	8.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	10
	2009	12

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	22.8%
	2008	30.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	31.5%
	2008	38.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.5%
	2008	28.7%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,235
	2008	\$29,461
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	7.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.5%
	2009	71.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	77
	2009	52
Licensed child care capacity	2005	191
	2010	179
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.2%
	2009	4.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	36.4%
	2009	38.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.3%
	2009	38.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	43
	2009	35
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	61.7
	2008	87.6

Harrison County

► County Seat - Bethany

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	642	750	47.5%	54.8%	✗	43.6%	79
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	19	22	17.9%	20.6%	✗	17.1%	56
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	40	38	7.6%	6.5%	✓	8.1%	30
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	7.6	6.8	✓	7.3	58
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	25.9	11.7	✓	19.3	27
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	105	58	51.4	27.8	✓	29.8	24
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	22	12	10.8	5.8	✓	3.9	86
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	17	2.5%	4.2%	✗	3.9%	92
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	19	15	67.1	55.1	✓	41.6	75
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	4	170.3	144.1	✓	64.0	108

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,067
	2010	2,221
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.2%
	2010	24.8%
Minority children	2005	4.2%
	2009	5.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	4

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.8%
	2008	21.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.3%
	2008	24.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.6%
	2008	26.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,025
	2008	\$24,025
Adult unemployment	2005	5.2%
	2009	7.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.0%
	2009	79.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	36
	2009	30
Licensed child care capacity	2005	100
	2010	154
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.9%
	2009	3.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	30.8%
	2009	41.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	41.9%
	2009	44.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	41
	2009	25
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	43.4
	2008	36.3

Henry County

► County Seat - Clinton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,277	1,450	45.0%	53.3%	✗	43.6%	70
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	53	54	18.2%	19.9%	✗	17.1%	52
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	80	99	5.6%	7.1%	✗	8.1%	52
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	11	7.0	7.9	✗	7.3	78
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	2	30.0	9.7	✓	19.3	20
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	391	270	76.8	54.3	✓	29.8	109
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	30	22	5.9	4.4	✓	3.9	64
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	39	27	3.8%	3.1%	✓	3.9%	64
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	31	37	42.5	60.3	✗	41.6	85
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	7	27.1	99.8	✗	64.0	88

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,138
	2010	4,956
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.6%
	2010	22.3%
Minority children	2005	5.7%
	2009	6.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	5

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.4%
	2008	19.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.2%
	2008	15.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	24.7%
	2008	24.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,889
	2008	\$30,291
Adult unemployment	2005	6.0%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.8%
	2009	63.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	148
	2009	132
Licensed child care capacity	2005	570
	2010	657
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.9%
	2009	5.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	38.3%
	2009	42.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	43.6%
	2009	41.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	50
	2009	52
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	52.0
	2008	58.8

Hickory County

► County Seat - Hermitage

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Composite County Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,170	1,070	61.8%	63.1%	✗	43.6%	100
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	20	17	23.0%	23.6%	✗	17.1%	77
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	19	25	5.4%	6.1%	✗	8.1%	15
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	2	5.7	4.9	✓	7.3	26
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	15.2	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	43	52	25.8	34.4	✗	29.8	54
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	5	6	3.0	4.0	✗	3.9	59
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	5	11	0.8%	1.8%	✗	3.9%	16
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	8	56.2	33.9	✓	41.6	31
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	1	225.1	37.3	✓	64.0	24

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,658
	2010	1,665
Children as percent of total population	2006	17.9%
	2010	17.3%
Minority children	2005	3.3%
	2009	4.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	32.9%
	2008	39.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	35.7%
	2008	46.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.5%
	2008	29.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,454
	2008	\$23,398
Adult unemployment	2005	7.7%
	2009	13.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.6%
	2009	81.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	24
	2009	27
Licensed child care capacity	2005	146
	2010	171
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.9%
	2009	4.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	40.0%
	2009	50.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	58.5%
	2009	56.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	7
	2009	2
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	61.2
	2008	33.5

Holt County

► County Seat - Oregon

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	348	277	47.0%	42.9%	✓	43.6%	31
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	7	5	12.1%	8.3%	✓	17.1%	5
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	27	23	10.0%	8.0%	✓	8.1%	83
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	4	11.1	14.0	✗	7.3	111
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	0	0.0	0.0	○	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	92	33	82.4	31.3	✓	29.8	36
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	5	2	4.5	1.9	✓	3.9	23
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	6	5	2.4%	2.2%	✓	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	6	4	34.1	24.5	✓	41.6	16
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	104.0	172.6	✗	64.0	112

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,081
	2010	971
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.6%
	2010	19.8%
Minority children	2005	1.2%
	2009	1.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.9%
	2008	21.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	22.7%
	2008	27.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.5%
	2008	24.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,851
	2008	\$26,597
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	7.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.8%
	2009	78.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	5
	2009	4
Licensed child care capacity	2005	90
	2010	60
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.3%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	26.5%
	2009	26.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	37.5%
	2009	31.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	5.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	3
	2009	7
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	65.7
	2008	38.4

Howard County

► County Seat - Fayette

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	551	635	40.8%	47.8%	✗	43.6%	49
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	17	14	15.7%	12.1%	✓	17.1%	19
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	50	48	8.7%	8.3%	✓	8.1%	87
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	1	12.2	1.7	✓	7.3	6
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	11.4	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	84	98	38.7	47.0	✗	29.8	98
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	21	6	9.7	2.9	✓	3.9	44
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	12	14	2.6%	3.2%	✗	3.9%	68
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	10	10	23.2	23.4	✗	41.6	13
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	2	64.6	48.2	✓	64.0	36

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,128
	2010	2,178
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.4%
	2010	21.5%
Minority children	2005	9.5%
	2009	10.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	14.7%
	2008	17.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.8%
	2008	23.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.4%
	2008	23.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,649
	2008	\$24,109
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	8.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.0%
	2009	88.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	31
	2009	25
Licensed child care capacity	2005	130
	2010	178
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.7%
	2009	3.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	28.6%
	2009	34.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.6%
	2009	41.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	28
	2009	21
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	71.6
	2008	24.6

Howell County

► County Seat - West Plains

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,640	3,353	59.3%	55.2%	✓	43.6%	82
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	118	124	23.7%	22.1%	✓	17.1%	69
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	166	200	6.8%	7.2%	✗	8.1%	54
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	14	6.1	5.1	✓	7.3	29
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	12	32.8	30.4	✓	19.3	81
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	633	431	66.4	44.9	✓	29.8	93
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	29	38	3.0	4.0	✗	3.9	58
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	78	77	4.0%	3.9%	✓	3.9%	84
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	87	91	71.7	75.1	✗	41.6	103
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	18	80.8	138.3	✗	64.0	106

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,540
	2010	10,064
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.6%
	2010	24.9%
Minority children	2005	5.1%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	99
	2009	91

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	26.3%
	2008	30.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	27.1%
	2008	33.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.8%
	2008	32.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,406
	2008	\$27,901
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	9.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.7%
	2009	73.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	282
	2009	240
Licensed child care capacity	2005	752
	2010	734
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	6
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.7%
	2009	6.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	46.2%
	2009	52.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	53.9%
	2009	51.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	146
	2009	110
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	59.1
	2008	39.2

Iron County

► County Seat - Ironton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,342	1,170	61.7%	60.6%	✓	43.6%	96
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	23	14	18.4%	13.0%	✓	17.1%	22
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	61	50	9.1%	8.1%	✓	8.1%	84
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	4	9.0	6.5	✓	7.3	51
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	20.6	40.4	✗	19.3	97
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	157	94	62.3	39.1	✓	29.8	79
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	32	19	12.7	7.9	✓	3.9	100
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	9	8	1.3%	1.4%	✗	3.9%	9
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	8	45.9	23.7	✓	41.6	14
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	52.7	83.7	✗	64.0	67

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,514
	2010	2,403
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.5%
	2010	22.6%
Minority children	2005	6.0%
	2009	7.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	27.6%
	2008	37.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	31.9%
	2008	48.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	26.6%
	2008	31.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,738
	2008	\$39,998
Adult unemployment	2005	6.9%
	2009	8.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.9%
	2009	81.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	59
	2009	13
Licensed child care capacity	2005	176
	2010	135
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.6%
	2009	5.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	49.0%
	2009	48.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	54.9%
	2009	48.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	5.0%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	28
	2009	18
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	22.3
	2008	36.3

Jackson County

► County Seat - Independence

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	48,775	49,253	47.6%	49.1%	✗	43.6%	56
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	2,189	2,054	21.1%	19.8%	✓	17.1%	51
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	4,238	4,510	8.3%	8.6%	✗	8.1%	93
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	382	446	7.5	8.5	✗	7.3	85
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	146	141	21.9	19.6	✓	19.3	51
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	7,008	5,280	41.0	30.4	✓	29.8	34
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	925	936	5.4	5.4	○	3.9	82
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	873	1,326	3.0%	4.4%	✗	3.9%	94
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,211	1,201	55.4	55.1	✓	41.6	74
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	164	196	74.6	86.8	✗	64.0	70

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	171,578
	2010	165,635
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.8%
	2010	24.6%
Minority children	2005	42.2%
	2009	43.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	6.204
	2009	5.397

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	16.4%
	2008	23.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	19.0%
	2008	27.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	31.1%
	2008	40.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$42,315
	2008	\$46,915
Adult unemployment	2005	6.4%
	2009	10.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.4%
	2009	58.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	6.558
	2009	6.584
Licensed child care capacity	2005	22,957
	2010	19,965
Accredited child care facilities	2005	97
	2010	72
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.4%
	2009	6.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	35.2%
	2009	40.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	41.4%
	2009	38.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	2,397
	2009	1,758
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	37.4
	2008	23.8

Jasper County

► County Seat - Carthage

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	9,235	9,949	49.1%	49.9%	✗	43.6%	60
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	507	485	27.6%	27.2%	✓	17.1%	91
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	590	606	6.9%	6.6%	✓	8.1%	33
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	59	37	6.9	4.0	✓	7.3	14
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	22	24	20.2	19.2	✓	19.3	49
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,462	1,134	51.0	37.1	✓	29.8	67
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	202	247	7.0	8.1	✗	3.9	102
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	277	293	5.3%	5.1%	✓	3.9%	105
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	247	272	65.5	69.8	✗	41.6	100
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	22	21	58.0	53.0	✓	64.0	38

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	29,287
	2010	30,279
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.0%
	2010	25.8%
Minority children	2005	14.5%
	2009	17.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	449
	2009	624

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.2%
	2008	28.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.5%
	2008	37.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	24.5%
	2008	37.0%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,963
	2008	\$33,326
Adult unemployment	2005	4.8%
	2009	8.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.9%
	2009	63.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	567
	2009	431
Licensed child care capacity	2005	2,388
	2010	2,578
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.5%
	2009	4.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	38.8%
	2009	41.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	47.2%
	2009	42.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	313
	2009	252
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	48.5
	2008	56.4

Jefferson County

► County Seat - Hillsboro

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	9,644	11,094	28.4%	32.3%	✗	43.6%	7
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	383	384	13.1%	13.4%	✗	17.1%	24
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	985	1,097	7.2%	7.5%	✗	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	93	82	6.8	5.6	✓	7.3	37
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	44	28	20.6	12.6	✓	19.3	28
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,830	1,485	33.7	27.5	✓	29.8	22
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	301	308	5.5	5.7	✗	3.9	85
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	287	275	2.7%	2.5%	✓	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	226	236	32.2	33.1	✗	41.6	30
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	45	50	59.7	67.4	✗	64.0	49

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	54,602
	2010	54,988
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.2%
	2010	25.1%
Minority children	2005	4.9%
	2009	5.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	156
	2009	117

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	8.1%
	2008	12.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	10.3%
	2008	14.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.0%
	2008	25.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,340
	2008	\$32,329
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	10.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.4%
	2009	62.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	836
	2009	896
Licensed child care capacity	2005	3,522
	2010	3,897
Accredited child care facilities	2005	14
	2010	13
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.3%
	2009	2.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	19.9%
	2009	26.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	24.0%
	2009	25.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	661
	2009	638
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	52.1
	2008	54.5

Johnson County

► County Seat - Warrensburg

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,630	2,903	34.6%	39.0%	✗	43.6%	18
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	101	80	14.6%	10.8%	✓	17.1%	12
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	238	238	6.6%	6.3%	✓	8.1%	21
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	22	16	6.1	4.2	✓	7.3	19
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	12	31.5	24.5	✓	19.3	70
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	407	298	33.7	25.4	✓	29.8	15
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	52	27	4.3	2.3	✓	3.9	32
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	65	67	2.7%	2.9%	✗	3.9%	58
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	72	61	27.1	23.9	✓	41.6	15
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	6	37.6	23.4	✓	64.0	13

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	11,891
	2010	12,043
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	22.9%
Minority children	2005	13.7%
	2009	13.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	114
	2009	65

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.2%
	2008	15.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	19.5%
	2008	16.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	23.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,949
	2008	\$32,045
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	8.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	61.5%
	2009	64.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	247
	2009	268
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,084
	2010	1,323
Accredited child care facilities	2005	6
	2010	7
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.9%
	2009	3.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	22.1%
	2009	29.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	25.9%
	2009	27.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	94
	2009	77
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	31.4
	2008	40.7

Knox County

► County Seat - Edina

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	312	324	54.4%	59.7%	✗	43.6%	93
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	16	18	34.0%	39.1%	✗	17.1%	113
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	16	17	6.5%	7.0%	✗	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	4.0	0.0	✓	7.3	1
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	0	0.0	0.0	○	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	22	36	22.7	39.0	✗	29.8	78
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	0	10	0.0	10.8	✗	3.9	110
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	3	4	1.6%	2.2%	✗	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8	5	53.3	40.3	✓	41.6	46
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	132.7	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	953
	2010	1,032
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.3%
	2010	25.0%
Minority children	2005	2.8%
	2009	3.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	24.1%
	2008	27.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	29.7%
	2008	37.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	16.5%
	2008	18.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,304
	2008	\$24,127
Adult unemployment	2005	3.9%
	2009	6.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.5%
	2009	144%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	17
	2009	12
Licensed child care capacity	2005	134
	2010	90
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.1%
	2009	2.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.9%
	2009	28.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.8%
	2009	37.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	1.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	8
	2009	10
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	0.0
	2008	2.3

Laclede County

► County Seat - Lebanon

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,799	2,962	50.1%	54.5%	✗	43.6%	77
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	147	109	28.4%	23.2%	✓	17.1%	74
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	173	176	7.5%	6.9%	✓	8.1%	43
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	24	8.7	9.5	✗	7.3	94
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	10	18.0	27.2	✗	19.3	76
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	501	489	56.3	55.2	✓	29.8	111
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	55	68	6.2	7.7	✗	3.9	97
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	58	47	3.4%	2.6%	✓	3.9%	50
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	77	74	70.2	61.8	✓	41.6	89
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	8	127.9	64.9	✓	64.0	47

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,053
	2010	8,907
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.8%
	2010	25.0%
Minority children	2005	5.3%
	2009	6.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	13
	2009	23

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	16.5%
	2008	25.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	21.0%
	2008	25.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.7%
	2008	34.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,150
	2008	\$28,444
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	12.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.4%
	2009	63.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	130
	2009	121
Licensed child care capacity	2005	350
	2010	467
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.5%
	2009	4.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	41.0%
	2009	46.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	50.5%
	2009	49.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	85
	2009	63
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	44.4
	2008	35.5

Lafayette County

► County Seat - Lexington

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,843	1,948	33.0%	36.3%	✗	43.6%	13
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	72	70	16.9%	18.6%	✗	17.1%	49
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	132	126	6.5%	6.1%	✓	8.1%	15
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	16	7.3	7.7	✗	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	1	9.4	3.1	✓	19.3	10
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	322	230	39.1	29.3	✓	29.8	27
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	9	3.3	1.1	✓	3.9	15
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	49	30	2.7%	1.7%	✓	3.9%	14
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	54	53	47.5	47.4	✓	41.6	58
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	7	105.5	58.7	✓	64.0	44

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	8,131
	2010	8,187
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.5%
	2010	24.5%
Minority children	2005	7.1%
	2009	7.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	92
	2009	30

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	10.9%
	2008	15.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.3%
	2008	26.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.1%
	2008	26.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,887
	2008	\$28,238
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	9.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.7%
	2009	66.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	162
	2009	147
Licensed child care capacity	2005	354
	2010	543
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.5%
	2009	4.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	28.2%
	2009	33.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	32.7%
	2009	33.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	74
	2009	40
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	76.1
	2008	70.2

Lawrence County

► County Seat - Mount Vernon

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,094	3,215	51.3%	54.4%	✗	43.6%	76
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	143	166	29.1%	31.8%	✗	17.1%	100
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	159	196	6.5%	7.4%	✗	8.1%	63
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	25	15	10.2	5.7	✓	7.3	39
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	4	26.7	9.8	✓	19.3	21
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	492	407	49.7	40.8	✓	29.8	84
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	65	47	6.6	4.7	✓	3.9	68
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	41	79	2.3%	4.4%	✗	3.9%	94
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	63	67	50.3	53.0	✗	41.6	71
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	12	62.5	90.4	✗	64.0	73

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,910
	2010	10,175
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.5%
	2010	26.3%
Minority children	2005	10.1%
	2009	12.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	106
	2009	91

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.5%
	2008	23.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	24.8%
	2008	28.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.0%
	2008	39.7%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,534
	2008	\$28,885
Adult unemployment	2005	4.6%
	2009	8.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.7%
	2009	64.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	142
	2009	98
Licensed child care capacity	2005	641
	2010	439
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.3%
	2009	3.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.2%
	2009	36.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	41.0%
	2009	38.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	98
	2009	70
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	35.5
	2008	38.8

Lewis County

► County Seat - Monticello

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	644	632	40.4%	41.4%	✗	43.6%	22
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	23	20	23.2%	17.1%	✓	17.1%	41
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	29	39	5.2%	6.8%	✗	8.1%	38
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	3.6	5.2	✗	7.3	31
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	20.2	32.7	✗	19.3	85
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	72	71	31.2	32.7	✗	29.8	44
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	19	18	8.2	8.3	✗	3.9	103
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	10	22	2.1%	4.8%	✗	3.9%	102
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	12	29.9	30.0	✗	41.6	24
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	1	117.4	24.0	✓	64.0	14

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,293
	2010	2,395
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.6%
	2010	23.5%
Minority children	2005	6.2%
	2009	7.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	24.3%
	2008	27.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.6%
	2008	33.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.3%
	2008	30.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,744
	2008	\$26,882
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	8.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.7%
	2009	85.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	49
	2009	24
Licensed child care capacity	2005	138
	2010	123
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.8%
	2009	2.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	29.0%
	2009	32.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	33.2%
	2009	32.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	22
	2009	31
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	85.3
	2008	67.8

Lincoln County

► County Seat - Troy

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,664	3,254	33.2%	37.3%	✗	43.6%	15
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	129	116	18.1%	14.4%	✓	17.1%	29
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	212	228	7.0%	5.9%	✓	8.1%	11
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	27	6.6	7.0	✗	7.3	61
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	12	18.9	20.6	✗	19.3	54
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	504	392	37.4	26.9	✓	29.8	20
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	89	70	6.6	4.8	✓	3.9	70
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	91	111	3.7%	4.0%	✗	3.9%	86
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	72	76	41.5	38.2	✓	41.6	39
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	7	71.9	36.9	✓	64.0	23

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	14,025
	2010	14,726
Children as percent of total population	2006	28.0%
	2010	28.0%
Minority children	2005	6.5%
	2009	7.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	12
	2009	80

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	9.6%
	2008	18.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	10.6%
	2008	17.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.0%
	2008	25.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,920
	2008	\$32,515
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	11.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.6%
	2009	62.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	141
	2009	125
Licensed child care capacity	2005	472
	2010	564
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.3%
	2009	3.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	25.1%
	2009	31.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	29.2%
	2009	28.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	201
	2009	163
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	63.4
	2008	38.0

Linn County

► County Seat - Linneus

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	999	973	39.9%	42.2%	✗	43.6%	25
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	34	29	18.2%	18.2%	○	17.1%	46
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	57	53	6.9%	6.3%	✓	8.1%	21
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	4.9	4.7	✓	7.3	24
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	15.7	7.8	✓	19.3	15
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	173	81	53.7	26.1	✓	29.8	16
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	22	16	6.8	5.2	✓	3.9	77
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	20	2.2%	2.5%	✗	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	23	59.1	51.7	✓	41.6	68
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	2	80.6	43.5	✓	64.0	35

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,203
	2010	3,156
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.9%
	2010	24.7%
Minority children	2005	4.5%
	2009	4.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2
	2009	8

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.2%
	2008	22.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	21.0%
	2008	26.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.0%
	2008	27.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,385
	2008	\$30,356
Adult unemployment	2005	8.0%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	60.7%
	2009	79.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	41
	2009	33
Licensed child care capacity	2005	230
	2010	260
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.1%
	2009	2.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.6%
	2009	32.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.4%
	2009	36.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	58
	2009	54
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	72.0
	2008	35.3

Livingston County

► County Seat - Chillicothe

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	936	967	42.5%	45.5%	✗	43.6%	43
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	46	18	25.7%	11.0%	✓	17.1%	13
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	66	66	8.2%	7.5%	✓	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	3	9.9	3.4	✓	7.3	10
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	7	30.8	52.8	✗	19.3	110
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	187	154	57.9	47.5	✓	29.8	101
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	10	5.0	3.1	✓	3.9	50
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	19	22	2.7%	3.1%	✗	3.9%	64
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	26	61.8	62.7	✗	41.6	91
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	4	138.9	88.2	✓	64.0	72

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,214
	2010	3,329
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.5%
	2010	21.9%
Minority children	2005	5.2%
	2009	7.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	1
	2009	6

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.3%
	2008	22.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.6%
	2008	28.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.7%
	2008	27.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,732
	2008	\$29,661
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	7.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.8%
	2009	60.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	99
	2009	94
Licensed child care capacity	2005	329
	2010	386
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.5%
	2009	4.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	35.3%
	2009	37.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.8%
	2009	38.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	64
	2009	58
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	54.2
	2008	52.7

McDonald County

► County Seat - Pineville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,217	2,235	61.1%	62.3%	✗	43.6%	99
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	163	125	45.2%	36.4%	✓	17.1%	111
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	143	144	8.1%	7.9%	✓	8.1%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	17	14	9.6	7.7	✓	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	17	5	69.3	18.4	✓	19.3	44
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	305	266	46.8	41.0	✓	29.8	85
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	85	88	13.0	13.5	✗	3.9	114
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	66	25	6.9%	2.4%	✓	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	53	62	68.9	79.5	✗	41.6	108
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	8	125.2	95.9	✓	64.0	81

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,556
	2010	6,475
Children as percent of total population	2006	28.6%
	2010	28.1%
Minority children	2005	25.2%
	2009	28.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	448
	2009	265

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	28.6%
	2008	23.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	30.4%
	2008	28.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.1%
	2008	31.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,767
	2008	\$28,533
Adult unemployment	2005	4.2%
	2009	7.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.1%
	2009	74.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	82
	2009	49
Licensed child care capacity	2005	274
	2010	223
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.9%
	2009	5.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	44.9%
	2009	51.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	54.9%
	2009	48.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	47
	2009	30
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	50.7
	2008	37.2

Macon County

► County Seat - Macon

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,043	1,096	45.5%	48.4%	✗	43.6%	52
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	40	44	20.6%	22.7%	✗	17.1%	73
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	72	60	7.6%	6.3%	✓	8.1%	21
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	2	8.4	2.1	✓	7.3	8
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	2	48.6	13.2	✓	19.3	29
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	181	104	49.6	28.2	✓	29.8	25
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	32	11	8.8	3.0	✓	3.9	46
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	26	12	3.4%	1.6%	✓	3.9%	11
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	21	60.8	45.4	✓	41.6	54
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	5	115.5	102.8	✓	64.0	90

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,657
	2010	3,779
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	24.3%
Minority children	2005	6.8%
	2009	7.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	7

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.0%
	2008	17.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	19.0%
	2008	24.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.0%
	2008	28.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,881
	2008	\$28,157
Adult unemployment	2005	4.9%
	2009	8.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.1%
	2009	71.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	41
	2009	53
Licensed child care capacity	2005	222
	2010	244
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.8%
	2009	2.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	28.5%
	2009	33.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.0%
	2009	37.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	77
	2009	32
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	81.4
	2008	81.1

Madison County

► County Seat - Fredericktown

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	995	1,045	48.3%	53.3%	✗	43.6%	72
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	40	30	29.0%	18.0%	✓	17.1%	45
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	57	68	7.9%	8.7%	✗	8.1%	95
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	3	6.9	3.8	✓	7.3	12
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	1	46.3	8.6	✓	19.3	17
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	122	105	43.2	35.9	✓	29.8	61
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	9	4.6	3.1	✓	3.9	49
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	20	23	3.1%	3.6%	✗	3.9%	77
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	20	28	50.1	68.0	✗	41.6	98
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	8	0.0	192.3	✗	64.0	115

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,837
	2010	2,931
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	24.0%
Minority children	2005	3.1%
	2009	4.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	16
	2009	19

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	22.6%
	2008	30.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.5%
	2008	40.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.5%
	2008	27.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,750
	2008	\$26,103
Adult unemployment	2005	6.2%
	2009	10.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.8%
	2009	68.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	108
	2009	81
Licensed child care capacity	2005	360
	2010	430
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.8%
	2009	5.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.9%
	2009	45.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	48.6%
	2009	46.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	55
	2009	39
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	85.0
	2008	54.4

Maries County

► County Seat - Vienna

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	524	632	39.0%	47.8%	✗	43.6%	51
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	16	11	16.7%	11.6%	✓	17.1%	17
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	39	22	7.8%	4.5%	✓	8.1%	3
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	2.0	0.0	✓	7.3	1
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	3	34.9	35.0	✗	19.3	90
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	80	89	37.2	43.5	✗	29.8	88
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	6	1.9	2.9	✗	3.9	45
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	16	2.7%	3.8%	✗	3.9%	82
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	9	40.5	32.6	✓	41.6	28
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	1	189.0	32.5	✓	64.0	20

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,137
	2010	2,154
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	23.5%
Minority children	2005	3.9%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.3%
	2008	20.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	19.7%
	2008	24.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.5%
	2008	31.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,748
	2008	\$26,780
Adult unemployment	2005	4.6%
	2009	8.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.6%
	2009	84.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	14
	2009	9
Licensed child care capacity	2005	100
	2010	80
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.8%
	2009	2.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	28.6%
	2009	33.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	34.4%
	2009	33.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	20
	2009	12
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	16.3
	2008	19.6

Marion County

► County Seat - Palmyra

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,056	2,256	42.0%	47.0%	✗	43.6%	48
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	108	85	27.7%	23.9%	✓	17.1%	79
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	162	160	8.2%	7.9%	✓	8.1%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	17	4.6	8.4	✗	7.3	83
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	6	18.1	20.5	✗	19.3	53
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	411	355	58.2	50.1	✓	29.8	106
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	47	20	6.7	2.8	✓	3.9	42
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	72	58	4.6%	4.0%	✓	3.9%	86
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	48	40	47.5	39.5	✓	41.6	44
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	3	46.4	29.9	✓	64.0	17

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	7,059
	2010	6,888
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.8%
	2010	23.9%
Minority children	2005	10.6%
	2009	11.4%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	10
	2009	17

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.3%
	2008	22.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.2%
	2008	33.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	24.5%
	2008	33.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,874
	2008	\$31,574
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	9.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.8%
	2009	64.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	207
	2009	188
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,026
	2010	812
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	6
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.2%
	2009	5.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	37.1%
	2009	42.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.5%
	2009	42.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	201
	2009	129
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	93.0
	2008	55.2

Mercer County

► County Seat - Princeton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	257	258	47.6%	46.0%	✓	43.6%	44
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	3	14	7.0%	25.5%	✗	17.1%	87
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	23	7.0%	10.1%	✗	8.1%	107
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	2	14.1	8.8	✓	7.3	86
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	2	0.0	60.4	✗	19.3	111
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	38	26	47.0	31.7	✓	29.8	38
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	1	5.0	1.2	✓	3.9	16
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	1	3	0.5%	1.9%	✗	3.9%	18
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	2	40.8	19.2	✓	41.6	5
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	0	235.1	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	783
	2010	963
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.8%
	2010	25.4%
Minority children	2005	1.5%
	2009	1.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.3%
	2008	18.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	8.0%
	2008	9.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.6%
	2008	25.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$33,077
	2008	\$37,443
Adult unemployment	2005	4.3%
	2009	7.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.9%
	2009	79.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	6
	2009	1
Licensed child care capacity	2005	75
	2010	68
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.0%
	2009	2.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	30.3%
	2009	28.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	40.5%
	2009	31.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	4.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	5
	2009	6
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	13.7
	2008	24.7

Miller County

► County Seat - Tuscumbia

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,271	2,410	46.3%	49.0%	✗	43.6%	54
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	72	71	22.0%	21.1%	✓	17.1%	62
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	99	121	6.3%	7.2%	✗	8.1%	54
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	15	5.1	8.9	✗	7.3	88
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	7	38.0	27.7	✓	19.3	77
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	371	340	60.0	55.5	✓	29.8	113
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	25	51	4.0	8.3	✗	3.9	104
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	45	34	3.0%	2.2%	✓	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	43	35	52.6	42.6	✓	41.6	52
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	8	102.4	93.9	✓	64.0	78

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,221
	2010	6,144
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.9%
	2010	24.8%
Minority children	2005	3.8%
	2009	4.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2
	2009	18

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.3%
	2008	14.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	24.8%
	2008	16.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.7%
	2008	25.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,077
	2008	\$28,036
Adult unemployment	2005	5.6%
	2009	11.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.4%
	2009	62.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	63
	2009	47
Licensed child care capacity	2005	378
	2010	440
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.0%
	2009	5.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	36.3%
	2009	43.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	48.0%
	2009	47.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	63
	2009	30
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	42.2
	2008	48.1

Mississippi County

► County Seat - Charleston

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,511	1,395	68.2%	67.2%	✓	43.6%	106
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	57	62	31.0%	33.5%	✗	17.1%	104
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	113	109	11.1%	11.8%	✗	8.1%	111
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	5	7.9	5.4	✓	7.3	33
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	4	53.5	29.5	✓	19.3	79
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	141	160	42.0	49.6	✗	29.8	105
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	21	7	6.3	2.2	✓	3.9	29
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	21	2.9%	3.5%	✗	3.9%	75
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	32	40	74.8	92.0	✗	41.6	112
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	0	80.4	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,348
	2010	3,188
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.3%
	2010	22.2%
Minority children	2005	31.8%
	2009	30.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	5

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	31.7%
	2008	30.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	27.0%
	2008	30.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	35.3%
	2008	50.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,675
	2008	\$27,494
Adult unemployment	2005	7.2%
	2009	8.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.5%
	2009	56.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	327
	2009	235
Licensed child care capacity	2005	426
	2010	254
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	17.0%
	2009	11.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	64.5%
	2009	61.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	68.7%
	2009	63.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	52
	2009	58
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	293.8
	2008	142.1

Moniteau County

► County Seat - California

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	855	982	37.8%	43.7%	✗	43.6%	37
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	58	55	26.1%	27.4%	✗	17.1%	92
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	62	68	6.1%	6.2%	✗	8.1%	19
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	5	3.9	4.6	✗	7.3	22
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	3	61.5	19.0	✓	19.3	47
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	114	85	29.6	22.3	✓	29.8	11
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1	13	0.3	3.4	✗	3.9	53
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	23	33	3.1%	4.4%	✗	3.9%	94
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	24	24	49.9	47.8	✓	41.6	59
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	3	172.8	58.8	✓	64.0	45

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,831
	2010	3,926
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.4%
	2010	25.2%
Minority children	2005	7.1%
	2009	8.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	80
	2009	113

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	13.1%
	2008	15.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.9%
	2008	17.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.8%
	2008	25.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,504
	2008	\$27,217
Adult unemployment	2005	5.0%
	2009	8.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.9%
	2009	73.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	70
	2009	75
Licensed child care capacity	2005	329
	2010	353
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.9%
	2009	3.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.2%
	2009	29.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	30.5%
	2009	30.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	27
	2009	23
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	38.5
	2008	30.4

Monroe County

► County Seat - Paris

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	703	648	42.8%	43.2%	✗	43.6%	35
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	17	24	14.3%	24.2%	✗	17.1%	81
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	45	48	8.4%	9.3%	✗	8.1%	101
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	1	7.5	1.9	✓	7.3	7
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	22.2	11.2	✓	19.3	25
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	93	93	41.5	44.4	✗	29.8	91
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	13	5.8	6.2	✗	3.9	89
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	13	13	2.2%	2.5%	✗	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	10	10	32.8	34.2	✗	41.6	33
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	6	147.1	191.4	✗	64.0	114

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,219
	2010	2,061
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.6%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	7.9%
	2009	8.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	14.0%
	2008	19.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.9%
	2008	22.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	16.3%
	2008	25.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,138
	2008	\$27,325
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	12.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.7%
	2009	67.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	38
	2009	32
Licensed child care capacity	2005	212
	2010	148
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.2%
	2009	2.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	25.5%
	2009	28.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	34.4%
	2009	32.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	34
	2009	29
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	55.1
	2008	52.1

Montgomery County

► County Seat - Montgomery City

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	809	853	44.9%	50.2%	✗	43.6%	61
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	39	22	25.2%	16.8%	✓	17.1%	39
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	58	59	7.3%	7.7%	✗	8.1%	75
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	6.3	9.2	✗	7.3	92
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	35.1	35.4	✗	19.3	91
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	117	128	40.0	47.0	✗	29.8	97
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	12	11	4.1	4.0	✓	3.9	61
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	18	14	3.0%	2.5%	✓	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	20	12	50.8	34.1	✓	41.6	32
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	7	89.6	169.1	✗	64.0	111

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,848
	2010	2,853
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	5.9%
	2009	6.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	15.6%
	2008	22.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.6%
	2008	26.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.6%
	2008	33.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,915
	2008	\$27,274
Adult unemployment	2005	5.7%
	2009	11.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.6%
	2009	58.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	32
	2009	19
Licensed child care capacity	2005	182
	2010	150
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.4%
	2009	5.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.7%
	2009	40.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.5%
	2009	43.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	47
	2009	36
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	45.3
	2008	33.7

Morgan County

► County Seat - Versailles

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,323	1,329	59.5%	64.9%	✗	43.6%	104
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	104	108	39.5%	40.6%	✗	17.1%	114
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	72	88	6.1%	6.3%	✗	8.1%	21
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	14	9.3	10.1	✗	7.3	97
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	3	55.9	15.4	✓	19.3	37
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	263	178	55.5	37.9	✓	29.8	73
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	9	10	1.9	2.1	✗	3.9	27
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	25	23	3.7%	3.3%	✓	3.9%	73
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	38	40	62.4	62.4	○	41.6	90
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	9	62.8	135.2	✗	64.0	105

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,777
	2010	4,534
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.1%
	2010	22.0%
Minority children	2005	4.3%
	2009	4.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.6%
	2008	26.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	28.0%
	2008	26.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.0%
	2008	26.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,712
	2008	\$24,643
Adult unemployment	2005	6.4%
	2009	12.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.6%
	2009	64.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	75
	2009	56
Licensed child care capacity	2005	182
	2010	182
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.8%
	2009	5.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	38.0%
	2009	44.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	47.7%
	2009	46.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	33
	2009	31
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	40.8
	2008	47.1

New Madrid County

► County Seat - New Madrid

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,992	1,697	66.3%	61.7%	✓	43.6%	98
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	71	71	28.3%	28.7%	✗	17.1%	97
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	126	152	10.3%	12.1%	✗	8.1%	114
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	11	8.2	8.8	✗	7.3	86
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	7	42.1	39.4	✓	19.3	96
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	220	176	49.5	41.4	✓	29.8	86
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	26	25	5.9	5.9	○	3.9	88
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	27	23	3.0%	2.5%	✓	3.9%	43
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	47	39	88.3	75.6	✓	41.6	106
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	4	125.6	68.2	✓	64.0	50

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,368
	2010	4,514
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	23.8%
Minority children	2005	23.6%
	2009	24.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	31.4%
	2008	30.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	39.1%
	2008	43.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	30.7%
	2008	40.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$32,024
	2008	\$35,648
Adult unemployment	2005	6.8%
	2009	9.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.5%
	2009	64.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	232
	2009	193
Licensed child care capacity	2005	450
	2010	394
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	13.2%
	2009	10.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	58.8%
	2009	59.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	66.0%
	2009	60.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	68
	2009	55
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	144.1
	2008	68.3

Newton County

► County Seat - Neosho

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	4,404	4,621	52.2%	54.8%	✗	43.6%	80
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	178	189	23.5%	24.8%	✗	17.1%	85
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	244	260	6.8%	6.7%	✓	8.1%	35
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	30	29	8.3	7.5	✓	7.3	68
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	21	13	39.0	22.1	✓	19.3	61
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	543	475	38.3	33.1	✓	29.8	46
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	122	193	8.6	13.4	✗	3.9	113
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	52	95	2.1%	3.7%	✗	3.9%	80
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	104	95	54.5	47.2	✓	41.6	57
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	17	19	88.8	94.6	✗	64.0	79

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	14,307
	2010	14,762
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.5%
	2010	25.4%
Minority children	2005	11.9%
	2009	14.4%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	182
	2009	316

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	14.2%
	2008	26.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.5%
	2008	24.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.5%
	2008	29.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$30,938
	2008	\$33,438
Adult unemployment	2005	5.0%
	2009	8.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.6%
	2009	63.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	255
	2009	192
Licensed child care capacity	2005	768
	2010	1,088
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.9%
	2009	3.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	31.1%
	2009	35.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	38.7%
	2009	38.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	146
	2009	108
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	68.9
	2008	56.3

Nodaway County

► County Seat - Maryville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	952	933	34.7%	35.9%	✗	43.6%	12
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	22	26	9.1%	11.3%	✗	17.1%	15
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	78	80	7.0%	6.6%	✓	8.1%	33
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	8	2.7	6.6	✗	7.3	53
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	13.1	18.5	✗	19.3	45
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	152	123	38.7	31.4	✓	29.8	37
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	13	22	3.3	5.6	✗	3.9	83
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	22	19	2.2%	2.0%	✓	3.9%	21
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	19	28	13.5	20.2	✗	41.6	7
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	5	24.4	41.3	✗	64.0	33

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,904
	2010	4,263
Children as percent of total population	2006	18.0%
	2010	18.2%
Minority children	2005	3.7%
	2009	5.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	14

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.2%
	2008	18.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	13.6%
	2008	20.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.3%
	2008	19.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$26,416
	2008	\$29,779
Adult unemployment	2005	3.7%
	2009	6.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.3%
	2009	68.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	27
	2009	30
Licensed child care capacity	2005	407
	2010	543
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.3%
	2009	2.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	18.1%
	2009	21.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	23.5%
	2009	21.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	35
	2009	21
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	61.6
	2008	33.4

Oregon County

► County Seat - Alton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,193	1,161	63.2%	64.1%	✗	43.6%	101
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	19	25	16.4%	21.2%	✗	17.1%	66
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	37	59	6.7%	9.9%	✗	8.1%	105
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	3.6	5.0	✗	7.3	27
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	2	0.0	20.6	✗	19.3	54
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	158	105	64.1	43.1	✓	29.8	87
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	6	4	2.4	1.6	✓	3.9	19
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	15	12	2.1%	1.6%	✓	3.9%	11
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	14	21	43.6	56.3	✗	41.6	79
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	57.4	105.4	✗	64.0	91

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,489
	2010	2,426
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	22.3%
Minority children	2005	6.7%
	2009	7.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	28.2%
	2008	34.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	29.6%
	2008	37.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.1%
	2008	33.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,684
	2008	\$26,865
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	9.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.7%
	2009	63.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	65
	2009	40
Licensed child care capacity	2005	189
	2010	160
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.2%
	2009	7.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	49.8%
	2009	52.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	59.4%
	2009	57.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	58
	2009	41
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	57.0
	2008	31.9

Osage County

► County Seat - Linn

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	529	504	31.1%	30.5%	✓	43.6%	5
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	19	17	10.3%	9.6%	✓	17.1%	7
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	50	63	5.6%	7.1%	✗	8.1%	52
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	6	7.8	6.7	✓	7.3	57
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	3	38.4	21.7	✓	19.3	59
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	70	50	20.5	15.0	✓	29.8	2
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	2	0	0.6	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	15	1.6%	2.2%	✗	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	11	33.0	25.1	✓	41.6	17
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	4	124.7	85.7	✓	64.0	69

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,442
	2010	3,433
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.5%
	2010	24.7%
Minority children	2005	1.6%
	2009	2.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2
	2009	4

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	9.0%
	2008	10.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	11.9%
	2008	14.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	14.4%
	2008	20.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,036
	2008	\$28,138
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	6.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.0%
	2009	69.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	18
	2009	35
Licensed child care capacity	2005	434
	2010	605
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	0.8%
	2009	1.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	16.0%
	2009	20.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	23.3%
	2009	19.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	42
	2009	28
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	34.7
	2008	17.7

Ozark County

► County Seat - Gainesville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,021	1,000	68.3%	67.4%	✓	43.6%	107
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	28	13	22.4%	14.0%	✓	17.1%	26
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	32	27	6.4%	5.2%	✓	8.1%	6
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	8.0	7.7	✓	7.3	71
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	3	26.3	38.3	✗	19.3	95
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	102	74	52.7	39.0	✓	29.8	77
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	26	10	13.4	5.3	✓	3.9	80
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	6	11	1.1%	2.0%	✗	3.9%	21
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	13	59.7	48.1	✓	41.6	61
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	3	95.7	109.0	✗	64.0	93

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,948
	2010	1,949
Children as percent of total population	2006	20.7%
	2010	20.0%
Minority children	2005	3.5%
	2009	4.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	10
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	30.8%
	2008	37.4%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	39.4%
	2008	49.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.3%
	2008	29.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$20,343
	2008	\$22,569
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	8.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	47.3%
	2009	78.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	28
	2009	8
Licensed child care capacity	2005	85
	2010	70
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.2%
	2009	7.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	50.3%
	2009	55.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	62.8%
	2009	57.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	10
	2009	8
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	20.7
	2008	27.1

Pemiscot County

► County Seat - Caruthersville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,998	2,589	71.6%	70.6%	✓	43.6%	113
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	120	110	38.3%	35.1%	✓	17.1%	108
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	184	219	11.1%	14.1%	✗	8.1%	115
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	19	17	11.4	11.0	✓	7.3	101
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	14	38.9	63.4	✗	19.3	113
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	302	252	54.5	48.9	✓	29.8	103
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	39	27	7.0	5.2	✓	3.9	79
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	72	72	6.5%	6.8%	✗	3.9%	110
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	76	70	108.6	103.2	✓	41.6	115
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	6	92.9	84.4	✓	64.0	68

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,481
	2010	5,034
Children as percent of total population	2006	28.6%
	2010	27.5%
Minority children	2005	42.0%
	2009	40.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	20
	2009	6

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	43.2%
	2008	41.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	49.9%
	2008	55.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	39.4%
	2008	53.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,415
	2008	\$29,061
Adult unemployment	2005	7.5%
	2009	11.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.5%
	2009	52.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	363
	2009	202
Licensed child care capacity	2005	489
	2010	1,157
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	17.5%
	2009	13.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	74.7%
	2009	70.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	75.9%
	2009	68.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	55
	2009	48
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	56.0
	2008	33.0

Perry County

► County Seat - Perryville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	879	1,101	40.3%	46.6%	✗	43.6%	45
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	22	36	10.6%	17.6%	✗	17.1%	44
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	93	85	7.4%	7.0%	✓	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	3	7.2	2.5	✓	7.3	9
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	4	16.9	20.8	✗	19.3	57
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	210	159	45.7	34.1	✓	29.8	53
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	25	24	5.4	5.2	✓	3.9	76
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	30	51	3.9%	6.9%	✗	3.9%	111
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	20	29	34.3	51.2	✗	41.6	66
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	6	76.8	97.5	✗	64.0	85

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,548
	2010	4,762
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.4%
	2010	25.1%
Minority children	2005	3.7%
	2009	5.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	9
	2009	22

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	8.9%
	2008	12.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	7.4%
	2008	11.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.3%
	2008	19.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,602
	2008	\$30,142
Adult unemployment	2005	4.0%
	2009	7.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.8%
	2009	74.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	94
	2009	106
Licensed child care capacity	2005	487
	2010	673
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.2%
	2009	3.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.9%
	2009	33.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	27.7%
	2009	32.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	56
	2009	49
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	42.6
	2008	59.4

Pettis County

► County Seat - Sedalia

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,976	3,574	48.5%	58.1%	✗	43.6%	91
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	171	147	27.9%	24.6%	✓	17.1%	84
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	235	233	8.1%	7.4%	✓	8.1%	63
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	26	19	9.0	6.0	✓	7.3	45
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	5	22.4	11.4	✓	19.3	26
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	626	392	60.0	36.9	✓	29.8	65
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	35	44	3.4	4.1	✗	3.9	63
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	51	28	2.7%	1.6%	✓	3.9%	11
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	91	91	68.8	66.2	✓	41.6	95
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	5	92.3	36.2	✓	64.0	22

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	10,518
	2010	10,784
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.0%
	2010	25.6%
Minority children	2005	16.2%
	2009	19.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	335
	2009	573

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	16.6%
	2008	17.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	18.8%
	2008	15.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.2%
	2008	26.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,941
	2008	\$30,715
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	8.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.1%
	2009	60.3%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	258
	2009	218
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,105
	2010	2,176
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	6
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.3%
	2009	5.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	35.9%
	2009	41.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.3%
	2009	42.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	75
	2009	36
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	124.3
	2008	87.8

Phelps County

► County Seat - Rolla

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,819	2,881	44.0%	46.7%	✗	43.6%	46
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	106	89	18.3%	17.2%	✓	17.1%	42
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	226	202	8.9%	7.2%	✓	8.1%	54
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	19	20	7.5	7.2	✓	7.3	63
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	7	35.9	17.5	✓	19.3	39
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	424	363	43.5	37.4	✓	29.8	69
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	72	45	7.4	4.6	✓	3.9	67
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	69	88	3.1%	4.1%	✗	3.9%	89
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	80	64	49.0	41.7	✓	41.6	49
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	15	39.7	80.7	✗	64.0	66

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,850
	2010	9,792
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.3%
	2010	21.7%
Minority children	2005	8.8%
	2009	9.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	22
	2009	17

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.0%
	2008	20.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	24.7%
	2008	27.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.5%
	2008	32.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,632
	2008	\$31,372
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	7.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.9%
	2009	58.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	147
	2009	178
Licensed child care capacity	2005	556
	2010	466
Accredited child care facilities	2005	6
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.6%
	2009	5.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	30.9%
	2009	35.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.6%
	2009	40.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	132
	2009	100
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	60.8
	2008	55.9

Pike County

► County Seat - Bowling Green

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,179	1,163	41.3%	44.0%	✗	43.6%	39
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	65	58	30.7%	24.4%	✓	17.1%	83
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	71	96	6.4%	8.5%	✗	8.1%	91
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	15	6.3	13.3	✗	7.3	110
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	3	49.8	18.1	✓	19.3	42
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	206	153	48.3	38.0	✓	29.8	74
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	20	29	4.7	7.2	✗	3.9	93
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	37	19	3.8%	2.1%	✓	3.9%	24
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	25	38	42.7	63.1	✗	41.6	93
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	5	111.9	76.9	✓	64.0	61

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,243
	2010	4,107
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.9%
	2010	22.2%
Minority children	2005	8.4%
	2009	9.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	7
	2009	12

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.2%
	2008	28.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.3%
	2008	30.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.3%
	2008	33.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,393
	2008	\$30,749
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	9.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.5%
	2009	91.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	47
	2009	51
Licensed child care capacity	2005	709
	2010	830
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.9%
	2009	3.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.5%
	2009	32.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	38.9%
	2009	35.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	65
	2009	40
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	73.9
	2008	48.8

Platte County

► County Seat - Platte City

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,463	3,041	18.5%	21.1%	✗	43.6%	2
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	100	83	9.0%	7.6%	✓	17.1%	3
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	325	369	6.3%	6.8%	✗	8.1%	38
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	37	22	7.1	4.0	✓	7.3	14
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	7	19.6	8.0	✓	19.3	16
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	476	391	22.9	17.8	✓	29.8	7
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	14	11	0.7	0.5	✓	3.9	9
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	93	169	2.3%	3.6%	✗	3.9%	77
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	66	68	24.6	23.1	✓	41.6	12
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	12	34.5	41.1	✗	64.0	32

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	21,049
	2010	21,996
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.3%
	2010	24.6%
Minority children	2005	15.1%
	2009	17.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	362
	2009	382

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	5.7%
	2008	9.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	8.4%
	2008	13.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	26.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$36,276
	2008	\$40,266
Adult unemployment	2005	4.5%
	2009	7.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.8%
	2009	62.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	140
	2009	178
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,453
	2010	1,613
Accredited child care facilities	2005	4
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.9%
	2009	1.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	13.1%
	2009	16.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	14.4%
	2009	14.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	175
	2009	132
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	28.0
	2008	27.2

Polk County

► County Seat - Bolivar

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,682	2,787	53.2%	53.6%	✗	43.6%	74
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	85	84	23.4%	21.1%	✓	17.1%	63
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	118	130	6.5%	6.4%	✓	8.1%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	13	5.0	6.4	✗	7.3	48
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	7	29.8	22.9	✓	19.3	65
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	358	283	49.9	37.8	✓	29.8	71
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	26	1.5	3.5	✗	3.9	54
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	45	35	3.0%	2.1%	✓	3.9%	24
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	44	46	36.6	39.0	✗	41.6	43
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	9	33.4	74.8	✗	64.0	57

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	7,347
	2010	7,666
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.8%
	2010	24.6%
Minority children	2005	5.2%
	2009	6.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	29
	2009	46

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.0%
	2008	25.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.5%
	2008	25.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	20.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,599
	2008	\$27,562
Adult unemployment	2005	4.8%
	2009	10.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.7%
	2009	65.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	158
	2009	123
Licensed child care capacity	2005	528
	2010	688
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	9
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.3%
	2009	5.0%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	37.3%
	2009	42.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	47.9%
	2009	43.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	100
	2009	62
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	79.1
	2008	61.0

Pulaski County

► County Seat - Waynesville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,222	3,664	39.6%	43.3%	✗	43.6%	36
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	104	117	15.1%	13.5%	✓	17.1%	25
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	235	287	7.4%	7.5%	✗	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	27	32	8.5	8.4	✓	7.3	83
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	12	10	26.3	20.8	✓	19.3	57
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	438	394	38.6	32.9	✓	29.8	45
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	101	70	8.9	5.9	✓	3.9	87
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	61	58	2.5%	2.3%	✓	3.9%	35
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	80	80	38.6	38.9	✗	41.6	42
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	9	49.1	31.8	✓	64.0	18

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	11,317
	2010	12,537
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.7%
	2010	24.0%
Minority children	2005	25.8%
	2009	25.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	51
	2009	52

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	12.4%
	2008	14.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.7%
	2008	14.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.0%
	2008	28.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$35,307
	2008	\$41,129
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	7.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.5%
	2009	62.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	128
	2009	69
Licensed child care capacity	2005	669
	2010	971
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.5%
	2009	2.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.6%
	2009	25.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	27.3%
	2009	25.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	69
	2009	55
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	69.0
	2008	49.6

Putnam County

► County Seat - Unionville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	350	318	45.5%	42.6%	✓	43.6%	27
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	15	14	22.4%	25.5%	✗	17.1%	87
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	22	11.1%	7.6%	✓	8.1%	73
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	5	3.4	17.2	✗	7.3	114
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	42.8	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	45	28	39.0	25.3	✓	29.8	14
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	5	13.0	4.5	✓	3.9	65
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	9	2	3.9%	0.9%	✓	3.9%	3
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	12	27.0	95.2	✗	41.6	114
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	115.9	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,173
	2010	1,160
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.8%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	1.9%
	2009	2.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	1

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.6%
	2008	22.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	17.3%
	2008	22.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.9%
	2008	20.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,982
	2008	\$29,646
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	7.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.4%
	2009	66.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	16
	2009	5
Licensed child care capacity	2005	60
	2010	77
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.0%
	2009	2.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	32.0%
	2009	29.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	42.8%
	2009	37.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	1.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	13
	2009	11
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	67.4
	2008	35.6

Ralls County

► County Seat - New London

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	316	299	39.3%	40.2%	✗	43.6%	21
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	17	21	15.0%	20.0%	✗	17.1%	53
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	39	7.1%	6.7%	✓	8.1%	35
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	7	6.4	12.0	✗	7.3	105
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	23.0	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	75	66	33.9	30.6	✓	29.8	35
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	0	5	0.0	2.3	✗	3.9	34
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	11	3	4.3%	1.1%	✓	3.9%	8
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8	9	25.3	28.3	✗	41.6	21
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	111.7	122.0	✗	64.0	99

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,230
	2010	2,378
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.5%
	2010	23.4%
Minority children	2005	3.3%
	2009	4.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	9.7%
	2008	14.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	15.7%
	2008	23.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	16.8%
	2008	18.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,282
	2008	\$32,349
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	8.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	58.7%
	2009	89.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	25
	2009	20
Licensed child care capacity	2005	40
	2010	70
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.5%
	2009	2.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	24.8%
	2009	29.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	32.1%
	2009	30.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	40
	2009	30
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	29.4
	2008	20.9

Randolph County

► County Seat - Huntsville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,854	2,010	51.4%	54.5%	✗	43.6%	78
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	89	65	25.4%	20.3%	✓	17.1%	54
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	145	115	8.4%	6.8%	✓	8.1%	38
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	16	11	9.3	6.6	✓	7.3	53
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	5	30.2	19.8	✓	19.3	52
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	351	239	56.9	40.6	✓	29.8	82
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	39	62	6.3	10.5	✗	3.9	109
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	35	42	2.9%	3.6%	✗	3.9%	77
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	52	44	67.7	54.5	✓	41.6	73
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	4	120.7	48.3	✓	64.0	37

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,166
	2010	5,879
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.2%
	2010	23.1%
Minority children	2005	10.1%
	2009	10.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.1%
	2008	29.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	16.8%
	2008	34.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	26.3%
	2008	38.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,083
	2008	\$31,361
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	10.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	48.8%
	2009	56.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	301
	2009	203
Licensed child care capacity	2005	862
	2010	593
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.0%
	2009	5.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.1%
	2009	45.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.5%
	2009	45.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	0.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	148
	2009	100
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	113.2
	2008	124.7

Ray County

► County Seat - Richmond

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,118	1,198	29.4%	33.3%	✗	43.6%	8
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	52	48	17.9%	15.9%	✓	17.1%	38
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	104	110	7.1%	7.5%	✗	8.1%	67
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	8	6.9	5.4	✓	7.3	33
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	5	37.1	20.6	✓	19.3	54
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	328	192	53.5	33.2	✓	29.8	48
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	3	0.7	0.5	✓	3.9	10
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	24	38	2.1%	3.2%	✗	3.9%	68
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	31	39	36.6	49.0	✗	41.6	63
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	8	55.8	90.9	✗	64.0	74

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,137
	2010	5,867
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.6%
	2010	25.0%
Minority children	2005	5.5%
	2009	6.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	4
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	8.0%
	2008	10.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	11.5%
	2008	9.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.2%
	2008	24.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,928
	2008	\$28,102
Adult unemployment	2005	5.4%
	2009	9.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	63.2%
	2009	70.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	91
	2009	87
Licensed child care capacity	2005	198
	2010	200
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.7%
	2009	4.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	25.5%
	2009	29.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	28.1%
	2009	29.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	55
	2009	46
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	75.3
	2008	85.2

Reynolds County

► County Seat - Centerville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	741	713	65.3%	68.8%	✗	43.6%	110
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	14	16	23.3%	24.2%	✗	17.1%	81
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	36	19	10.8%	6.0%	✓	8.1%	13
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	4	18.1	12.5	✓	7.3	107
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	2	35.2	36.2	✗	19.3	93
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	84	54	58.5	40.7	✓	29.8	83
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	12	10	8.4	7.5	✓	3.9	95
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	5	7	1.3%	2.0%	✗	3.9%	21
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	14	11	72.5	61.8	✓	41.6	88
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	3	251.5	142.7	✓	64.0	107

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,412
	2010	1,532
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.6%
	2010	22.9%
Minority children	2005	5.5%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.9%
	2008	30.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	31.7%
	2008	44.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.0%
	2008	23.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$33,468
	2008	\$38,773
Adult unemployment	2005	7.8%
	2009	13.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	50.5%
	2009	72.4%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	34
	2009	13
Licensed child care capacity	2005	60
	2010	60
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.5%
	2009	6.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	51.0%
	2009	54.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	68.8%
	2009	60.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	3.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	17
	2009	7
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	43.6
	2008	62.4

Ripley County

► County Seat - Doniphan

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,523	1,526	67.4%	68.9%	✗	43.6%	111
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	49	68	27.4%	33.5%	✗	17.1%	103
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	83	102	9.4%	11.5%	✗	8.1%	110
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	15	7.9	16.9	✗	7.3	113
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	5	15.6	37.4	✗	19.3	94
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	269	152	80.9	47.2	✓	29.8	100
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	24	26	7.2	8.1	✗	3.9	101
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	23	27	3.5%	4.5%	✗	3.9%	99
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	34	43	69.1	93.9	✗	41.6	113
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	5	129.6	106.3	✓	64.0	92

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	3,357
	2010	3,307
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.1%
	2010	23.5%
Minority children	2005	4.8%
	2009	5.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	27.0%
	2008	30.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	28.6%
	2008	39.7%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.6%
	2008	26.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,628
	2008	\$24,172
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.2%
	2009	60.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	118
	2009	89
Licensed child care capacity	2005	305
	2010	339
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	9.2%
	2009	10.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	58.5%
	2009	64.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	70.4%
	2009	67.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	56
	2009	49
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	98.4
	2008	51.1

St. Charles County

► County Seat - St. Charles

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	7,019	8,943	13.7%	17.0%	✗	43.6%	1
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	343	328	7.6%	7.0%	✓	17.1%	2
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	1,389	1,686	6.4%	7.3%	✗	8.1%	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	142	134	6.5	5.8	✓	7.3	42
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	70	37	21.0	10.0	✓	19.3	22
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1,540	1,326	17.5	14.7	✓	29.8	1
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	116	99	1.3	1.1	✓	3.9	14
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	439	498	2.6%	2.9%	✗	3.9%	58
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	218	239	19.2	20.2	✗	41.6	6
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	35	48	31.1	39.7	✗	64.0	29

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	89,164
	2010	92,860
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.3%
	2010	25.8%
Minority children	2005	10.3%
	2009	12.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	436
	2009	708

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	4.9%
	2008	5.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	6.5%
	2008	5.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	16.3%
	2008	18.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$36,287
	2008	\$38,631
Adult unemployment	2005	4.2%
	2009	8.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.3%
	2009	59.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	1,124
	2009	1,118
Licensed child care capacity	2005	9,904
	2010	11,170
Accredited child care facilities	2005	23
	2010	24
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.5%
	2009	1.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	10.6%
	2009	13.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	13.6%
	2009	12.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	1,033
	2009	988
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	31.6
	2008	45.7

St. Clair County

► County Seat - Osceola

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	766	742	54.6%	57.8%	✗	43.6%	90
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	28	18	28.0%	25.4%	✓	17.1%	86
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	43	39	9.3%	8.4%	✓	8.1%	89
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	2	4.3	4.3	○	7.3	21
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	2	12.2	25.1	✗	19.3	71
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	114	66	55.7	34.4	✓	29.8	56
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	11	15	5.4	7.8	✗	3.9	99
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	22	27	4.6%	5.6%	✗	3.9%	108
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	15	13	51.2	50.0	✓	41.6	64
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	4	32.9	131.1	✗	64.0	102

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,010
	2010	1,960
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.0%
	2010	20.0%
Minority children	2005	3.5%
	2009	5.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.3%
	2008	30.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	31.1%
	2008	40.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.8%
	2008	37.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,539
	2008	\$26,031
Adult unemployment	2005	5.9%
	2009	9.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.1%
	2009	60.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	21
	2009	23
Licensed child care capacity	2005	73
	2010	147
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.9%
	2009	7.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	40.1%
	2009	49.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	50.9%
	2009	52.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	1.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	15
	2009	8
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	62.7
	2008	43.1

Ste. Genevieve County

► County Seat - Ste. Genevieve

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	844	828	41.2%	42.8%	✗	43.6%	30
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	28	28	16.1%	15.4%	✓	17.1%	35
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	51	68	5.4%	7.0%	✗	8.1%	46
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	4	1.1	4.1	✗	7.3	18
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	4	28.8	23.5	✓	19.3	68
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	121	64	27.6	15.5	✓	29.8	3
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4	11	0.9	2.7	✗	3.9	40
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	25	36	3.5%	5.1%	✗	3.9%	105
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	23	18	35.1	29.8	✓	41.6	23
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	5	71.7	78.3	✗	64.0	63

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,328
	2010	4,221
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.7%
	2010	23.3%
Minority children	2005	3.9%
	2009	5.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	11.3%
	2008	16.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	14.2%
	2008	21.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.3%
	2008	23.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$29,600
	2008	\$36,196
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	9.5%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.3%
	2009	61.5%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	101
	2009	68
Licensed child care capacity	2005	434
	2010	423
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.6%
	2009	3.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	23.1%
	2009	31.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	26.4%
	2009	28.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	34
	2009	37
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	39.3
	2008	61.2

St. Francois County

► County Seat - Farmington

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	4,938	5,162	49.9%	51.0%	✗	43.6%	64
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	165	169	21.7%	21.0%	✓	17.1%	61
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	279	334	7.6%	8.1%	✗	8.1%	84
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	26	32	7.1	7.8	✗	7.3	77
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	18	11	35.0	18.9	✓	19.3	46
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	684	478	49.8	33.5	✓	29.8	50
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	35	37	2.5	2.6	✗	3.9	39
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	93	76	3.0%	2.2%	✓	3.9%	27
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	118	122	65.6	71.1	✗	41.6	101
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	18	11	91.5	57.1	✓	64.0	41

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	13,901
	2010	14,408
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.4%
	2010	22.0%
Minority children	2005	4.6%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	16
	2009	26

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.8%
	2008	22.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	24.0%
	2008	24.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	25.2%
	2008	24.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$26,108
	2008	\$28,106
Adult unemployment	2005	6.6%
	2009	11.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.5%
	2009	59.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	493
	2009	464
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,770
	2010	1,925
Accredited child care facilities	2005	3
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.0%
	2009	6.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.9%
	2009	45.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.5%
	2009	42.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	6.0%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	208
	2009	124
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	53.1
	2008	81.5

St. Louis County

► County Seat - Clayton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	51,585	53,275	35.8%	38.7%	✗	43.6%	17
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	1,292	1,190	10.8%	10.1%	✓	17.1%	9
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	5,334	5,428	8.6%	8.9%	✗	8.1%	98
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	503	486	8.1	8.0	✓	7.3	80
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	183	173	18.8	17.9	✓	19.3	40
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	4,480	3,705	18.4	15.9	✓	29.8	5
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	605	542	2.5	2.3	✓	3.9	33
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	1,262	1,394	2.7%	2.8%	✗	3.9%	55
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	935	916	26.6	26.1	✓	41.6	18
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	141	140	39.4	38.9	✓	64.0	26

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	241,897
	2010	234,174
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.2%
	2010	23.4%
Minority children	2005	34.8%
	2009	38.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3.356
	2009	3.394

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	9.3%
	2008	12.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	10.7%
	2008	16.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.3%
	2008	33.0%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$44,172
	2008	\$49,570
Adult unemployment	2005	5.1%
	2009	9.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	52.0%
	2009	55.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	8,995
	2009	10,580
Licensed child care capacity	2005	29,486
	2010	28,737
Accredited child care facilities	2005	57
	2010	114
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.8%
	2009	3.4%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	21.4%
	2009	27.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	25.9%
	2009	26.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	2,802
	2009	2,316
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	63.8
	2008	62.9

Saline County

► County Seat - Marshall

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,736	1,817	49.7%	53.2%	✗	43.6%	69
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	63	60	21.2%	20.4%	✓	17.1%	55
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	97	127	6.8%	8.3%	✗	8.1%	87
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	20	7.7	13.1	✗	7.3	109
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	4	51.9	18.2	✓	19.3	43
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	323	243	59.6	44.6	✓	29.8	92
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	32	7	5.9	1.3	✓	3.9	17
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	41	82	3.4%	7.0%	✗	3.9%	112
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	37	37	41.0	42.0	✗	41.6	51
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	51.2	74.2	✗	64.0	54

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,411
	2010	5,396
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.6%
	2010	23.1%
Minority children	2005	19.2%
	2009	23.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	154
	2009	71

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	18.9%
	2008	21.9%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	18.3%
	2008	28.9%
Children in single parent families	2000	24.0%
	2008	30.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,917
	2008	\$29,102
Adult unemployment	2005	4.9%
	2009	7.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.9%
	2009	59.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	145
	2009	86
Licensed child care capacity	2005	449
	2010	325
Accredited child care facilities	2005	4
	2010	5
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.5%
	2009	5.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	34.5%
	2009	40.6%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	43.4%
	2009	41.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	30
	2009	30
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	91.9
	2008	81.5

Schuyler County

► County Seat - Lancaster

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	387	376	53.0%	55.8%	✗	43.6%	84
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	9	16	19.6%	36.4%	✗	17.1%	110
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	20	14	8.8%	6.0%	✓	8.1%	13
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	4	13.3	17.2	✗	7.3	114
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	1	51.6	26.1	✓	19.3	74
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	15	28.4	15.8	✓	29.8	4
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	7	0	7.4	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	6	11	2.4%	4.8%	✗	3.9%	102
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	8	8	67.8	55.6	✓	41.6	76
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	1	72.2	74.8	✗	64.0	57

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	933
	2010	1,140
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.8%
	2010	25.7%
Minority children	2005	2.6%
	2009	2.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	22.1%
	2008	24.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.4%
	2008	33.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.6%
	2008	17.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$19,930
	2008	\$23,316
Adult unemployment	2005	5.8%
	2009	8.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.7%
	2009	68.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	8
	2009	15
Licensed child care capacity	2005	152
	2010	82
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.7%
	2009	1.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	29.5%
	2009	37.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.8%
	2009	46.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	21
	2009	23
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	44.0
	2008	4.3

Scotland County

► County Seat - Memphis

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	326	301	50.7%	50.8%	✗	43.6%	62
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	25	37	38.5%	52.9%	✗	17.1%	115
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	16	14	5.0%	4.2%	✓	8.1%	1
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	3	12.4	9.0	✓	7.3	89
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	1	76.2	19.5	✓	19.3	50
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	31	41	24.1	32.3	✗	29.8	42
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	2	0	1.6	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	5	7	2.1%	3.7%	✗	3.9%	80
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	1	4	5.5	22.0	✗	41.6	11
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	0	104.1	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,283
	2010	1,362
Children as percent of total population	2006	26.1%
	2010	28.1%
Minority children	2005	1.2%
	2009	1.1%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	21.7%
	2008	24.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	27.8%
	2008	35.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	13.0%
	2008	13.9%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,925
	2008	\$25,057
Adult unemployment	2005	3.9%
	2009	8.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.8%
	2009	70.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	22
	2009	13
Licensed child care capacity	2005	120
	2010	70
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	1.6%
	2009	1.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	15.0%
	2009	18.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	30.8%
	2009	26.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	5.0%
	2009	2.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	7
	2009	3
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	9.4
	2008	37.7

Scott County

► County Seat - Benton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,737	3,758	52.8%	56.6%	✗	43.6%	87
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	156	126	25.0%	21.6%	✓	17.1%	68
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	290	266	10.1%	8.8%	✓	8.1%	97
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	33	25	11.5	8.3	✓	7.3	82
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	13	10	30.6	23.2	✓	19.3	66
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	454	356	42.3	34.4	✓	29.8	55
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	45	51	4.2	4.9	✗	3.9	73
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	30	51	1.4%	2.4%	✗	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	98	77	67.4	55.9	✓	41.6	77
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	6	54.6	40.9	✓	64.0	31

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	10,602
	2010	9,850
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.8%
	2010	25.1%
Minority children	2005	20.8%
	2009	20.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	13
	2009	8

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	23.5%
	2008	19.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	28.3%
	2008	30.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	26.9%
	2008	36.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,397
	2008	\$31,013
Adult unemployment	2005	5.6%
	2009	9.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.6%
	2009	57.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	551
	2009	487
Licensed child care capacity	2005	1,352
	2010	1,163
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	8.6%
	2009	9.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	44.2%
	2009	51.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	50.1%
	2009	50.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.4%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	140
	2009	113
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	102.7
	2008	83.9

Shannon County

► County Seat - Eminence

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	640	602	77.7%	77.2%	✓	43.6%	115
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	27	29	25.0%	27.6%	✗	17.1%	94
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	44	33	9.1%	6.4%	✓	8.1%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	3	14.4	5.8	✓	7.3	42
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	7	24.9	86.1	✗	19.3	114
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	109	53	53.8	26.2	✓	29.8	17
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	5	0	2.5	0.0	✓	3.9	1
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	3	0	1.1%	0.0%	✓	3.9%	1
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	17	24	61.8	75.2	✗	41.6	104
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	3	31.2	95.6	✗	64.0	80

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,034
	2010	1,971
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.9%
	2010	23.4%
Minority children	2005	5.0%
	2009	5.5%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	3
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	35.1%
	2008	43.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	37.1%
	2008	46.5%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.6%
	2008	30.4%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,436
	2008	\$22,691
Adult unemployment	2005	7.3%
	2009	12.2%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	53.6%
	2009	59.9%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	23
	2009	5
Licensed child care capacity	2005	115
	2010	80
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	4.5%
	2009	4.9%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	52.1%
	2009	48.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	68.5%
	2009	56.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	11
	2009	8
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	25.2
	2008	16.0

Shelby County

► County Seat - Shelbyville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	457	452	40.5%	42.0%	✗	43.6%	23
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	13	8	14.1%	9.2%	✓	17.1%	6
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	37	35	8.9%	7.8%	✓	8.1%	77
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	2	4	4.8	9.0	✗	7.3	89
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	3	0.0	45.9	✗	19.3	105
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	99	57	59.0	35.4	✓	29.8	60
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	29	18	17.3	11.2	✓	3.9	111
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	10	16	2.9%	4.2%	✗	3.9%	92
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3	3	12.9	12.7	✓	41.6	1
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	37.7	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,647
	2010	1,597
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.8%
	2010	25.1%
Minority children	2005	4.7%
	2009	5.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	21.7%
	2008	23.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	29.8%
	2008	37.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.0%
	2008	21.0%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$22,523
	2008	\$24,912
Adult unemployment	2005	5.2%
	2009	9.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	48.1%
	2009	59.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	40
	2009	13
Licensed child care capacity	2005	173
	2010	60
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.6%
	2009	2.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	27.9%
	2009	29.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	41.5%
	2009	39.0%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	21
	2009	21
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	68.1
	2008	51.6

Stoddard County

► County Seat - Bloomfield

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,842	2,713	52.4%	53.3%	✗	43.6%	71
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	99	71	26.5%	22.4%	✓	17.1%	70
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	175	151	9.9%	8.4%	✓	8.1%	89
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	21	7	11.9	3.9	✓	7.3	13
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	2	26.8	7.2	✓	19.3	13
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	418	295	60.2	43.7	✓	29.8	89
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	210	174	30.2	25.8	✓	3.9	115
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	38	44	2.3%	2.9%	✗	3.9%	58
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	57	43	56.9	46.6	✓	41.6	56
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	8	45.4	76.8	✗	64.0	60

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,962
	2010	6,831
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.4%
	2010	22.8%
Minority children	2005	5.4%
	2009	5.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.2%
	2008	26.5%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	26.5%
	2008	35.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.1%
	2008	32.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,876
	2008	\$29,069
Adult unemployment	2005	5.7%
	2009	9.8%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	54.7%
	2009	58.1%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	147
	2009	127
Licensed child care capacity	2005	678
	2010	652
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.6%
	2009	4.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	38.5%
	2009	43.3%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	49.7%
	2009	50.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	101
	2009	80
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	64.8
	2008	71.9

Stone County

► County Seat - Galena

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,298	2,310	54.6%	55.4%	✗	43.6%	83
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	73	56	24.6%	21.1%	✓	17.1%	64
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	107	115	7.2%	7.7%	✗	8.1%	75
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	21	6	14.0	4.0	✓	7.3	14
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	8	33.1	31.1	✓	19.3	83
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	373	225	59.5	35.9	✓	29.8	63
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	49	23	7.8	3.7	✓	3.9	55
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	29	32	2.3%	2.3%	○	3.9%	35
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	41	46	49.8	52.1	✗	41.6	69
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	9	82.5	100.3	✗	64.0	89

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	6,393
	2010	6,032
Children as percent of total population	2006	20.4%
	2010	18.7%
Minority children	2005	5.3%
	2009	6.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	11
	2009	15

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.0%
	2008	38.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.3%
	2008	45.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	20.1%
	2008	41.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,648
	2008	\$26,509
Adult unemployment	2005	7.9%
	2009	11.9%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.6%
	2009	89.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	83
	2009	77
Licensed child care capacity	2005	389
	2010	405
Accredited child care facilities	2005	2
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.2%
	2009	3.3%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	40.7%
	2009	41.5%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	49.5%
	2009	43.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	51
	2009	18
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	49.3
	2008	53.5

Sullivan County

► County Seat - Milan

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	702	711	62.5%	64.2%	✗	43.6%	102
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	37	34	40.2%	35.4%	✓	17.1%	109
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	39	33	7.5%	6.8%	✓	8.1%	38
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	3	9.6	6.1	✓	7.3	46
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	3	0.0	41.8	✗	19.3	101
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	63	56	36.0	32.6	✓	29.8	43
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	10	11	5.7	6.4	✗	3.9	90
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	5	9	1.5%	2.6%	✗	3.9%	50
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	11	71.7	50.9	✓	41.6	65
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	3	44.3	131.1	✗	64.0	102

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	1,743
	2010	1,625
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.7%
	2010	24.2%
Minority children	2005	24.0%
	2009	31.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	200
	2009	85

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	19.6%
	2008	22.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	23.2%
	2008	29.4%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.0%
	2008	25.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$28,048
	2008	\$38,325
Adult unemployment	2005	5.5%
	2009	6.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	57.2%
	2009	63.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	24
	2009	12
Licensed child care capacity	2005	96
	2010	96
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.2%
	2009	4.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	33.7%
	2009	35.8%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.5%
	2009	35.1%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	4.0%
	2009	0.8%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	42
	2009	21
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	52.2
	2008	63.2

Taney County

► County Seat - Forsyth

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	3,225	3,949	51.2%	55.1%	✗	43.6%	81
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	125	168	22.3%	24.0%	✗	17.1%	80
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	187	239	6.7%	7.3%	✗	8.1%	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	20	5.4	6.1	✗	7.3	46
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	14	3	39.2	7.0	✓	19.3	12
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	537	373	55.3	33.7	✓	29.8	51
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	124	98	12.8	8.9	✓	3.9	105
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	54	40	3.0%	1.7%	✓	3.9%	14
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	65	96	45.6	61.0	✗	41.6	87
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	5	64.6	32.4	✓	64.0	19

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,953
	2010	11,427
Children as percent of total population	2006	22.7%
	2010	22.1%
Minority children	2005	9.9%
	2009	11.9%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	137
	2009	161

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	17.6%
	2008	20.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	20.8%
	2008	25.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	22.1%
	2008	26.8%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,157
	2008	\$27,178
Adult unemployment	2005	8.7%
	2009	12.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.5%
	2009	59.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	129
	2009	171
Licensed child care capacity	2005	666
	2010	798
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.9%
	2009	3.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	39.6%
	2009	47.7%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	50.3%
	2009	46.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	84
	2009	58
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	55.9
	2008	59.1

Texas County

► County Seat - Houston

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,091	2,092	55.2%	56.7%	✗	43.6%	88
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	68	76	22.9%	23.9%	✗	17.1%	78
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	127	98	9.1%	6.4%	✓	8.1%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	14	17	10.0	11.1	✗	7.3	103
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	10	28.3	44.6	✗	19.3	104
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	391	272	71.2	49.5	✓	29.8	104
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	71	49	12.9	8.9	✓	3.9	107
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	43	24	3.3%	1.9%	✓	3.9%	18
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	43	44	57.3	58.4	✗	41.6	82
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	6	103.3	74.6	✓	64.0	55

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,541
	2010	5,721
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	22.0%
Minority children	2005	5.6%
	2009	6.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	29.1%
	2008	30.1%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	31.7%
	2008	45.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.9%
	2008	34.7%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,946
	2008	\$26,516
Adult unemployment	2005	6.4%
	2009	9.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.9%
	2009	62.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	92
	2009	65
Licensed child care capacity	2005	243
	2010	235
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	5
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	6.4%
	2009	5.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	40.1%
	2009	44.1%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	51.6%
	2009	49.2%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	66
	2009	53
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	33.8
	2008	48.7

Vernon County

► County Seat - Nevada

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,677	1,556	53.2%	49.8%	✓	43.6%	57
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	42	54	15.7%	20.8%	✗	17.1%	58
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	90	81	6.4%	5.7%	✓	8.1%	10
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	9	10.7	6.4	✓	7.3	48
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	5	7	25.0	33.6	✗	19.3	87
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	323	286	61.6	55.1	✓	29.8	110
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	22	10	4.2	1.9	✓	3.9	24
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	22	42	2.2%	4.5%	✗	3.9%	99
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	31	31	34.2	37.1	✗	41.6	36
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	10	8	111.0	93.1	✓	64.0	77

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,224
	2010	5,263
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.5%
	2010	24.9%
Minority children	2005	5.3%
	2009	5.8%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	8
	2009	10

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	20.3%
	2008	42.3%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	25.4%
	2008	57.8%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.1%
	2008	38.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,202
	2008	\$30,002
Adult unemployment	2005	4.8%
	2009	8.0%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.7%
	2009	63.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	115
	2009	78
Licensed child care capacity	2005	401
	2010	334
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	2
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	5.6%
	2009	5.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	37.6%
	2009	39.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	46.4%
	2009	42.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.6%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	85
	2009	40
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	105.5
	2008	83.2

Warren County

► County Seat - Warrenton

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,425	1,875	34.7%	42.7%	✗	43.6%	28
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	91	82	20.5%	18.3%	✓	17.1%	47
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	114	145	6.5%	6.4%	✓	8.1%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	9	4.0	4.0	○	7.3	14
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	9	11.4	28.2	✗	19.3	78
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	280	301	37.9	37.8	✓	29.8	72
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	51	27	6.9	3.4	✓	3.9	52
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	71	50	5.4%	3.5%	✓	3.9%	75
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	57	60	55.3	59.8	✗	41.6	84
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	10	83.4	96.3	✗	64.0	82

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	7,596
	2010	8,126
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.6%
	2010	25.0%
Minority children	2005	8.4%
	2009	10.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	46
	2009	87

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	10.5%
	2008	17.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	13.8%
	2008	19.2%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.4%
	2008	23.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$27,766
	2008	\$30,633
Adult unemployment	2005	5.3%
	2009	11.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	49.9%
	2009	54.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	89
	2009	113
Licensed child care capacity	2005	251
	2010	377
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	2.5%
	2009	4.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	23.8%
	2009	35.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	29.7%
	2009	32.6%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	0.3%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	103
	2009	88
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	65.5
	2008	51.2

Washington County

► County Seat - Potosi

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,091	2,105	54.9%	57.7%	✗	43.6%	89
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	114	65	32.0%	21.5%	✓	17.1%	67
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	148	168	9.3%	9.7%	✗	8.1%	104
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	11	9.4	6.4	✓	7.3	48
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	1	25.9	4.2	✓	19.3	11
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	297	216	50.5	37.1	✓	29.8	66
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	30	40	5.1	6.9	✗	3.9	91
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	44	28	3.9%	2.4%	✓	3.9%	37
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	71	40	87.5	51.4	✓	41.6	67
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	7	13	77.4	153.8	✗	64.0	110

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	5,919
	2010	6,063
Children as percent of total population	2006	24.5%
	2010	24.1%
Minority children	2005	3.9%
	2009	4.7%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	6
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	25.4%
	2008	29.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	27.9%
	2008	44.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	21.9%
	2008	34.6%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$24,767
	2008	\$27,812
Adult unemployment	2005	8.7%
	2009	14.1%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	51.1%
	2009	55.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	194
	2009	141
Licensed child care capacity	2005	339
	2010	309
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	0
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	8.2%
	2009	7.6%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	51.9%
	2009	60.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	57.8%
	2009	57.8%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	5.0%
	2009	2.7%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	62
	2009	31
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	73.3
	2008	48.4

Wayne County

► County Seat - Greenville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	1,250	1,184	65.3%	68.3%	✗	43.6%	109
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	40	30	27.6%	20.7%	✓	17.1%	57
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	66	54	8.5%	7.9%	✓	8.1%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	11	7	14.2	10.3	✓	7.3	99
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	3	26.7	27.1	✗	19.3	75
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	151	106	52.7	39.7	✓	29.8	80
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	18	5	6.3	1.9	✓	3.9	22
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	21	18	3.3%	3.1%	✓	3.9%	64
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	24	27	60.0	79.4	✗	41.6	107
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	3	0	65.8	0.0	✓	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	2,776
	2010	2,806
Children as percent of total population	2006	21.4%
	2010	20.8%
Minority children	2005	3.7%
	2009	4.6%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	2

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	30.7%
	2008	34.7%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	33.2%
	2008	46.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	23.9%
	2008	34.1%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$21,782
	2008	\$24,534
Adult unemployment	2005	6.7%
	2009	9.4%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	56.7%
	2009	58.7%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	104
	2009	56
Licensed child care capacity	2005	161
	2010	160
Accredited child care facilities	2005	1
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	8.6%
	2009	6.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	57.2%
	2009	55.4%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	68.6%
	2009	60.7%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	46
	2009	33
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	10.9
	2008	8.8

Webster County

► County Seat - Marshfield

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,146	2,259	45.3%	47.8%	✗	43.6%	50
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	189	192	33.6%	34.7%	✗	17.1%	107
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	138	187	5.6%	6.7%	✗	8.1%	35
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	18	19	7.3	6.8	✓	7.3	58
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	8	14	22.2	34.0	✗	19.3	88
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	464	323	47.8	31.9	✓	29.8	39
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	33	31	3.4	3.1	✓	3.9	48
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	62	22	4.6%	1.5%	✓	3.9%	10
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	57	62	45.7	48.8	✗	41.6	62
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	6	10	50.7	77.7	✗	64.0	62

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	9,869
	2010	10,039
Children as percent of total population	2006	27.8%
	2010	27.7%
Minority children	2005	4.2%
	2009	5.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	5
	2009	3

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	21.0%
	2008	24.6%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	21.8%
	2008	31.0%
Children in single parent families	2000	17.1%
	2008	24.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$25,361
	2008	\$27,956
Adult unemployment	2005	4.7%
	2009	9.6%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	59.0%
	2009	63.0%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	129
	2009	94
Licensed child care capacity	2005	791
	2010	702
Accredited child care facilities	2005	4
	2010	3
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.0%
	2009	3.2%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	27.2%
	2009	30.2%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	35.2%
	2009	33.3%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	1.0%
	2009	0.0%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	76
	2009	49
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	42.1
	2008	35.8

Worth County

► County Seat - Grant City

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	185	182	48.6%	50.9%	✗	43.6%	63
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	2	1	12.5%	5.9%	✓	17.1%	1
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	4	3.5%	4.3%	✗	8.1%	2
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	8.8	0.0	✓	7.3	1
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	1	0	50.9	0.0	✓	19.3	1
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	27	18	57.7	45.7	✓	29.8	95
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	2	1	4.3	2.5	✓	3.9	38
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	1	1	0.7%	0.9%	✗	3.9%	3
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3	1	44.8	15.9	✓	41.6	2
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	0	0	0.0	0.0	○	64.0	1

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

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► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	440
	2010	444
Children as percent of total population	2006	20.1%
	2010	20.5%
Minority children	2005	1.7%
	2009	2.3%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	0

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	18.8%
	2008	24.8%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	25.9%
	2008	31.6%
Children in single parent families	2000	18.8%
	2008	23.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$19,461
	2008	\$20,569
Adult unemployment	2005	4.0%
	2009	7.7%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	45.9%
	2009	75.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	8
	2009	2
Licensed child care capacity	2005	20
	2010	40
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	1
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	3.0%
	2009	1.8%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	30.6%
	2009	35.0%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	44.4%
	2009	42.4%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	2.0%
	2009	2.9%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	5
	2009	9
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	43.3
	2008	14.9

Wright County

► County Seat - Hartville

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	2,104	2,107	62.5%	64.4%	✗	43.6%	103
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	77	68	27.3%	25.9%	✓	17.1%	89
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	94	116	7.3%	8.5%	✗	8.1%	91
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	15	7	11.7	5.2	✓	7.3	31
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	4	8	21.7	41.0	✗	19.3	99
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	352	214	73.6	45.8	✓	29.8	96
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	16	33	3.3	7.1	✗	3.9	92
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	36	8	3.5%	0.8%	✓	3.9%	2
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	55	37	86.6	62.8	✓	41.6	92
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	9	6	132.6	93.0	✓	64.0	75

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

** Update: An unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through the Missouri Department of Mental Health

► DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	4,769
	2010	4,872
Children as percent of total population	2006	25.9%
	2010	25.9%
Minority children	2005	4.3%
	2009	5.4%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	0
	2009	5

► ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	29.1%
	2008	35.0%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	35.3%
	2008	44.3%
Children in single parent families	2000	19.9%
	2008	34.5%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$23,063
	2008	\$25,651
Adult unemployment	2005	6.3%
	2009	10.3%

► FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	55.6%
	2009	56.8%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	71
	2009	46
Licensed child care capacity	2005	268
	2010	228
Accredited child care facilities	2005	0
	2010	4
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	7.4%
	2009	8.1%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	45.1%
	2009	52.9%

► HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	55.9%
	2009	57.5%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	0.0%
	2009	1.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	33
	2009	22
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	42.9
	2008	53.6

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Composite County Rank

County Trends

✗ = Worse

✓ = Better

○ = No Change

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	State Rate	County Rank
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch 2005/2009	33,694	25,398	86.1%	73.6%	✓	43.6%	114
Births to mothers without h.s. diploma 2005/2009	1,353	1,197	26.6%	23.4%	✓	17.1%	75
Low birth weight infants* 2000-2004/2005-2009	3,112	3,127	11.8%	11.9%	✗	8.1%	113
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) 2000-2004/2005-2009	317	288	12.0	11.0	✓	7.3	101
Child deaths, ages 1-14* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	123	74	35.6	21.9	✓	19.3	60
Child abuse and neglect* (per 1,000) 2005/2009	3,608	2,411	42.7	30.3	✓	29.8	33
Out-of-home placement entries (per 1,000) 2005/2009	500	258	5.9	3.2	✓	3.9	51
Annual high school dropouts 2005/2009	1,398	1,690	13.0%	16.3%	✗	3.9%	115
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) 2005/2009	793	754	66.4	66.6	✗	41.6	96
Violent deaths, ages 15-19* (per 100,000) 2000-2004/2005-2009	132	149	111.5	126.5	✗	64.0	101

* Outcome not included in Composite County Rank

** Update: An unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through the Missouri Department of Mental Health

DEMOGRAPHIC

Child population	2006	83,148
	2010	67,539
Children as percent of total population	2006	23.5%
	2010	21.2%
Minority children	2005	69.4%
	2009	67.0%
Children with limited English proficiency	2005	2,905
	2009	2,157

ECONOMIC

Children in poverty	2000	36.4%
	2008	36.2%
Children under 6 in poverty	2000	38.4%
	2008	36.1%
Children in single parent families	2000	47.2%
	2008	60.2%
Average annual wage/salary	2005	\$46,760
	2008	\$57,341
Adult unemployment	2005	8.0%
	2009	11.7%

FAMILY SUPPORTS

Parents paying child support in state system	2005	46.2%
	2009	51.6%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2005	9,421
	2009	9,781
Licensed child care capacity	2005	12,384
	2010	14,098
Accredited child care facilities	2005	71
	2010	34
Children receiving cash assistance	2005	16.2%
	2009	12.5%
Children receiving food stamps	2005	65.0%
	2009	66.8%

HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids	2005	72.5%
	2009	62.9%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2005	9.0%
	2009	3.1%
Children receiving public SED mental health services**	2007	1,380
	2009	966
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2005	91.7
	2008	88.8





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Outcome Measures

Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch: number of students who are enrolled in the free or reduced price National School Lunch Program. Children from households with incomes less than 130 percent of poverty are eligible for free lunches; those from households below 185 percent of poverty are eligible for reduced price lunches. Rate is expressed as percent of total school enrollment. *Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Births to mothers without high school diplomas: number of live births that occur to women who have less than 12 years of education as indicated on a child's birth certificate. Rate is expressed as percent of all live births. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

Low birth weight infants: number of live infants recorded as having a birth weight under 2,500 grams (five pounds, eight ounces). Rate is expressed as a percent of total live births. Data were aggregated over five-year periods in order to provide more stable rates. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

Infant mortality: number of deaths to infants under one year of age. Rate

is expressed per 1,000 live births. Data were aggregated over five-year periods in order to provide more stable rates. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

Child deaths, ages 1-14: number of deaths from all causes of children ages one to 14. Rate is expressed per 100,000 children of that age group. Data were aggregated over five-year periods in order to provide more stable rates. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Child abuse and neglect: number of child abuse victims from reports classified as "probable cause," indicating that child abuse or neglect has occurred, and from children receiving family assessments. Rate is expressed per 1,000 children. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Out-of-home placement entries: number of entries into Division of Family Services alternative care, including foster care, group homes, relative care, and residential settings. Rate is expressed per 1,000 children. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Annual high school dropouts: number of students (grades nine through 12) enrolled in public schools that left school during the school year without graduating. Rate is expressed as percent of enrolled students. The formula used to calculate the rate accounts for transfers in and out of a district. Years indicated are school years; for example, 2008 indicates the 2007-2008 school year. *Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

Births to teens, ages 15-19: number of live births that occur to girls ages 15 to 19. Rate is expressed per 1,000 girls of that age group. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Violent teen deaths, ages 15-19: number of deaths from homicides, suicides, motor vehicle crashes, and other accidents to teens ages 15 to 19. Rate is expressed per 100,000 teens of that age group. Data were aggregated over five-year periods in order to provide more stable rates. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Demographic Data

Child population: total resident population under age 18, including dependents

of the Armed Forces personnel stationed in the area. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Children as percent of total population: percentage of total population that is under age 18. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Minority children: percentage of children under age 18 who are identified as non white. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Children with limited English proficiency: number of children reported by school districts as having limited English language skills. *Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

Economic Data

Children in poverty: percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the Bureau of the Census. The 2009 poverty threshold was \$22,050 for a family of four. For counties with a population of less than 20,000, an estimate based on county-PUMA ratio is reported. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.*

Children under 6 in poverty: percent-

age of related children under age six who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the Bureau of the Census. The 2009 poverty threshold was \$22,050 for a family of four. For counties with a population of less than 20,000, an estimate based on county-PUMA ratio is reported. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.*

Children in single parent families: percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families headed by a person without a spouse present in the home. *Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.*

Average annual wage/salary: average annual wage/salary per job. County data indicate annual wage/salary for all jobs located in that county. An employee may live in a different county from where they work. *Source: USDC, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

Adult unemployment: percentage of civilian labor force that is unemployed and actively looking for work. *Source: Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Employment Security.*

Family Supports Data

Parents paying child support in state system: percentage of all cases served through Department of Social Services, Division of Child Support Enforce-

ment that receive partial or full payment of their child support order. In situations where the total number of payments toward child support orders paid throughout the year is greater than the total number of standing payment orders enumerated at the end of the fiscal year, reporting values may exceed 100%. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services.*

Children receiving subsidized child care: total number of children participating in one of the following subsidized child care programs: FUTURES, transitional, income maintenance/income eligible, at-risk, and child care and development block grant. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services.*

Licensed child care capacity: number of spaces in licensed family child care homes, group child care homes, and child care centers. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

Accredited child care facilities: number of child care centers accredited by either Missouri Voluntary Accreditation or by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). *Source: Missouri Voluntary Accreditation; National Association for the Education of Young Children.*

Children receiving cash assistance: average monthly percentage of population under age 18 that live in households receiving public assistance under Tem-

porary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Children receiving food stamps: percent age of population under age 18 who live in households receiving food stamp benefits. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Health/Mental Health Data

Children enrolled in MO HealthNet for Kids: average monthly percentage of children under age 18 who have applied for and have been certified eligible for participation in MO HealthNet for Kids, Missouri's health insurance program for children in low-income families, either through managed care or traditional fee-for-service providers. This indicator includes both number and rate. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.*

Children with elevated blood lead levels: number of children whose blood contained ten or more micrograms of lead per deciliter. Rate is expressed as percent of children who were screened. *Source: Missouri Department of Health and*

Senior Services.

Children receiving public SED mental health services: an unduplicated count of children receiving treatment through a division of the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) for serious emotional disorders (SED) as of January 1st of the year reported for whom DMH provided a service in that calendar year. *Source: Missouri Department of Mental Health.*

Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17: number of referrals to juvenile courts in Missouri for acts that would be violations of the Missouri Criminal Code if committed by an adult. The count represents separately disposed court referrals, not individual youth. Rate is expressed per 1,000 youths ages ten through 17. *Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; Missouri Office of Administration.*



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