

Missouri State Profile

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2014	2018	2014	2018	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	289,287	245,703	21.3%	18.3%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^b	304,810	243,110	21.6%	17.5%	↑
Health					
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	30,584	31,700	8.0%	8.5%	↓
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	11,165	9,819	7.9	7.1	↑
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	13,148	10,433	9.3	7.5	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5,230	4,108	27.2	21.6	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	6,285	5,465	4.5	4.0	↑
Education					
High school graduation	58,653	59,564	90.1%	91.3%	↑
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}					
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		33,331		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		32,784		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		32,240		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		30,393		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Population: 6,090,062

Contextual Indicators

Demographics		
Total population	2014	6,063,589
	2018	6,090,062
Child population under 18	2014	1,406,494
	2018	1,376,830
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.0%
	2018	22.7%
Child population under 6	2014	451,297
	2018	447,782
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.4%
	2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	343,852
	2018	349,664
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	24.7%
	2018	25.4%
Minority child population under 6	2014	118,192
	2018	117,844
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	26.2%
	2018	26.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	33.2%
	2014-2018	32.8%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	65.5%
	2014-2018	65.8%
Economic Well-being		
Children in poverty under 6	2014	24.7%
	2018	20.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2014	19.5%
	2018	17.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	31.3%
	2014-2018	27.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	37.0%
	2014-2018	34.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	34.7%
	2018	31.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$56,922
	2014-2018	\$65,872
Adult unemployment	2014	6.1%
	2018	3.2%
Child homelessness	2014	3.3%
	2018	4.0%
Education		
Licensed childcare capacity (per 1,000 children)	2014	105.7
	2019	103.3
Accredited childcare capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	---
	2019	18.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.5%
Family & Community		
Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	49.3
	2014-2018	53.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.5%
	2014-2018	8.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	29.7
	2018	25.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.2%
	2018	1.8%
Children entering/ re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.2
	2018	5.1
Health		
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	6.6
	2014-2018	6.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.3
	2014-2018	24.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	17.7
	2014-2018	15.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	49.6
	2014-2018	52.5
Suicides, ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2014	3.0
	2018	6.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2009-2013	61.9%
	2014-2018	61.8%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	14.0
	2013-2017	19.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	80.6
	2013-2017	95.3
Uninsured children	2013	7.1%
	2017	5.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.9%
	2018	93.7%