

St. Louis County

County
Composite
Rank



County Seat: Clayton

Population: 998,684

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	30,191	33,839	13.7%	15.7%	↓	18.3%	23
Food insecurity for children ^b	39,980	32,440	17.3%	14.6%	↑	17.5%	7
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	5,114	5,571	8.7%	9.6%	↓	8.5%	101
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	1,594	1,595	6.9	7.3	↓	7.1	76
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3,614	2,747	15.7	12.5	↑	7.5	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	552	445	17.2	14.5	↑	21.6	14
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	478	368	2.1	1.7	↑	4.0	8
Education							
High school graduation	9,834	9,645	89.3%	91.0%	↑	91.3%	89
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		5,262		50.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		5,562		52.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		4,941		46.2%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		4,905		51.6%		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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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	1,001,876
	2018	998,684
Child population under 18	2014	228,390
	2018	219,527
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	22.4%
	2018	22.2%
Child population under 6	2014	70,018
	2018	70,505
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.0%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	90,189
	2018	92,966
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	40.3%
	2018	42.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	29,111
	2018	30,281
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	41.6%
	2018	42.9%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	34.9%
	2014-2018	33.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	64.2%
	2014-2018	65.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	14.3%
	2018	17.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	12.6%
	2014-2018	14.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	32.2%
	2014-2018	28.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	28.5%
	2014-2018	24.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	28.3%
	2018	28.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$72,470
	2014-2018	\$90,176
Adult unemployment	2014	5.8%
	2018	3.0%
Child homelessness	2014	3.4%
	2018	4.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	115.6
	2019	119.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	27.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	37.7
	2014-2018	56.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.6%
	2014-2018	8.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	35.3
	2018	25.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.1%
	2018	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	2.1
	2018	2.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	6.1
	2014-2018	6.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	20.3
	2014-2018	21.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	15.3
	2014-2018	13.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	40.3
	2014-2018	49.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	75.0%
	2014-2018	63.6%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	12.7
	2013-2017	15.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	75.9
	2013-2017	86.2
Uninsured children	2013	5.7%
	2017	3.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.7%
	2018	93.1%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)