

St. Louis City

County
Composite
Rank

2016
115

2020
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Population: 311,273

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	27,003	21,558	42.9%	38.4%	↑	18.3%	113
Food insecurity for children ^b	16,340	13,970	24.6%	22.3%	↑	17.5%	100
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	2,928	2,821	12.2%	12.9%	↓	8.5%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	722	697	10.8	11.7	↓	7.1	110
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,028	1,491	30.5	24.9	↑	7.5	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	336	219	39.1	28.8	↑	21.6	65
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	210	206	3.2	3.6	↓	4.0	34
Education							
High school graduation	1,622	1,714	72.7%	80.5%	↑	91.3%	115
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		622		22.3%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		505		24.5%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		580		20.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		430		25.8%		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.

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	317,419
	2018	311,273
Child population under 18	2014	65,647
	2018	57,526
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	20.3%
	2018	19.7%
Child population under 6	2014	25,141
	2018	21,998
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.9%
	2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	44,856
	2018	41,239
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	69.6%
	2018	71.7%
Minority child population under 6	2014	16,243
	2018	14,581
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	64.6%
	2018	66.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	60.6%
	2014-2018	60.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	37.8%
	2014-2018	38.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	38.6%
	2018	39.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	44.1%
	2014-2018	37.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	43.7%
	2014-2018	39.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	56.1%
	2014-2018	52.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	72.7%
	2018	66.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$31,902
	2014-2018	\$37,966
Adult unemployment	2014	7.7%
	2018	3.8%
Child homelessness	2014	16.0%
	2018	18.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	194.7
	2019	191.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	24.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	93.7%
	2018	93.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	97.1
	2014-2018	127.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	14.1%
	2014-2018	11.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	43.2
	2018	32.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	10.6%
	2018	7.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.4
	2018	4.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	11.6
	2014-2018	8.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	30.4
	2014-2018	38.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	20.2
	2014-2018	22.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	86.9
	2014-2018	108.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	80.0%
	2014-2018	92.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	11.2
	2013-2017	19.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	64.7
	2013-2017	87.6
Uninsured children	2013	6.5%
	2017	4.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	92.1%
	2018	91.7%

^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)