

New Madrid County

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County
Composite
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,486	967	36.4%	25.5%	↑	15.5%	90
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,070	1,020	24.5%	24.8%	↓	15.1%	107
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	125	117	10.9%	10.6%	↑	8.7%	108
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	42	19	9.7	4.9	↑	7.1	31
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	15	9	3.5	2.3	↑	6.2	27
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	22	47.2	46.2	↑	18.8	111
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	39	26	9.4	6.7	↑	3.2	100
Education							
High school graduation	189	138	97.9%	95.2%	↓	91.3%	35
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	17,915
	2020	17,275
Child population under 18	2016	4,149
	2020	3,869
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.2%
	2020	23.2%
Child population under 6	2016	1,367
	2020	1,266
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.6%
	2020	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,087
	2020	1,052
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	26.2%
	2020	27.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	401
	2020	360
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	29.3%
	2020	28.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	49.3%
	2016-2020	39.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	50.4%
	2016-2020	50.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	40.2%
	2020	24.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	36.9%
	2016-2020	25.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	27.9%
	2016-2020	22.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	58.3%
	2016-2020	57.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	54.2%
	2020	47.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$31,092
	2016-2020	\$34,351
Adult unemployment	2016	9.3%
	2020	5.8%
Child homelessness	2016	0.6%
	2020	4.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	88.9
	2021	32
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	2.7%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.8%
	2020	94.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	34.8
	2016-2020	104.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	13.96%
	2016-2020	13.75%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	27.9
	2020	18.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.4%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	14
	2020	8.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	9.5
	2016-2020	10.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33.1
	2016-2020	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33.3
	2016-2020	5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32
	2016-2020	0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	41.5
	2015-2019	20.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	125.2
	2015-2019	108.8
Uninsured children	2015	5.9%
	2019	6.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	94.2%

^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).