

St. Charles County

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County
Composite
Rank

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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	6,007	4,879	6.5%	5.4%	↑	15.5%	1
Food insecurity for children ^b	13,000	6,760	14.1%	7.3%	↑	15.1%	1
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	1,484	1,655	6.6%	7.6%	↓	8.7%	45
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	502	509	5.4	5.5	↓	7.1	46
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	573	423	6.2	4.6	↑	6.2	82
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	118	80	9.2	6.3	↑	18.8	6
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	351	282	3.8	3	↑	3.2	38
Education							
High school graduation	4,248	4,264	94.6%	94.7%	↑	91.3%	42
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	390,918
	2020	398,472
Child population under 18	2016	93,216
	2020	92,500
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.8%
	2020	22.8%
Child population under 6	2016	28,878
	2020	28,015
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.4%
	2020	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	13,940
	2020	15,319
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	15%
	2020	16.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	4,435
	2020	4,799
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	15.4%
	2020	17.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	21.9%
	2016-2020	16.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	78%
	2016-2020	76.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	4.7%
	2020	6.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	7.8%
	2016-2020	5.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	24.7%
	2016-2020	20%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	16.7%
	2016-2020	12.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	12.8%
	2020	11.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$90,341
	2016-2020	\$109,118
Adult unemployment	2016	3.5%
	2020	5.2%
Child homelessness	2016	1.4%
	2020	6.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	108.3
	2021	114.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	11.4%
	2021	14.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.5%
	2020	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26.6
	2016-2020	29.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.63%
	2016-2020	6.97%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	20.9
	2020	12.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1%
	2020	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	1.7
	2020	1.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.6
	2016-2020	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	13.4
	2016-2020	15.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	11.5
	2016-2020	10
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.6
	2016-2020	28
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	75%
	2016-2020	20%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	18.6
	2015-2019	24.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	90.3
	2015-2019	101.2
Uninsured children	2015	4%
	2019	4.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.3%
	2020	93.7%

^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).