

St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

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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	27,652	24,856	12.6%	11.6%	↑	15.5%	14
Food insecurity for children ^b	35,190	27,230	15.5%	12.4%	↑	15.1%	16
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	5,224	5,636	9%	10%	↓	8.7%	106
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	1,609	1,545	7.2	7.1	↑	7.1	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3,380	2,295	15.2	10.5	↑	6.2	114
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	463	341	14.6	11.3	↑	18.8	14
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	461	308	2.1	1.4	↑	3.2	5
Education							
High school graduation	10,138	9,361	92.6%	89.7%	↓	91.3%	100
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	998,581
	2020	996,179
Child population under 18	2016	221,665
	2020	218,138
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	22.2%
	2020	21.9%
Child population under 6	2016	70,399
	2020	70,368
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	91,697
	2020	94,117
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	41.4%
	2020	43.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	29,731
	2020	31,087
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	42.2%
	2020	44.2%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	34%
	2016-2020	28%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	65.7%
	2016-2020	65%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	14%
	2020	13.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	14%
	2016-2020	11.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	31.1%
	2016-2020	27.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	27.6%
	2016-2020	23.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	28.4%
	2020	29.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$76,177
	2016-2020	\$94,497
Adult unemployment	2016	4.2%
	2020	6.3%
Child homelessness	2016	3.7%
	2020	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	117.8
	2021	116.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	29.6%
	2021	30.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95%
	2020	93.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.6
	2016-2020	62.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.61%
	2016-2020	8.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	31.1
	2020	18.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.7%
	2020	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	2.1
	2020	1.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	6.5
	2016-2020	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	20.2
	2016-2020	24
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	15.3
	2016-2020	14.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	42
	2016-2020	21.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	42.9%
	2016-2020	75%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	15.5
	2015-2019	20.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	88.3
	2015-2019	91.6
Uninsured children	2015	4.3%
	2019	4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.8%
	2020	92.8%

^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).