

St. Louis City

County
Composite
Rank

115²⁰¹⁸

113²⁰²²

Population: 304,709

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	23,196	15,614	38.3%	28.9%	↑	15.5%	101
Food insecurity for children ^b	14,830	14,000	22.8%	23.4%	↓	15.1%	103
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	2,899	2,619	12.3%	12.9%	↓	8.7%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	708	694	11.2	12.5	↓	7.1	111
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1,926	1,148	30.4	20.8	↑	6.2	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	271	227	32.9	31.1	↑	18.8	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	306	191	4.9	3.5	↑	3.2	45
Education							
High school graduation	1,802	1,522	70%	75.1%	↑	91.3%	115
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.

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	311,404
	2020	304,709
Child population under 18	2016	61,887
	2020	55,302
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	19.9%
	2020	18.6%
Child population under 6	2016	24,120
	2020	21,084
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.7%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	44,496
	2020	39,381
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	71.9%
	2020	71.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	16,018
	2020	13,877
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	66.4%
	2020	65.8%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	61%
	2016-2020	48.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	38.6%
	2016-2020	43.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	41.6%
	2020	29.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	39.3%
	2016-2020	28.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	42.7%
	2016-2020	36%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	55.6%
	2016-2020	47.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	70.4%
	2020	63.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$33,165
	2016-2020	\$46,209
Adult unemployment	2016	5.4%
	2020	8.5%
Child homelessness	2016	17.9%
	2020	16.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	180.1
	2021	181.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	30.8%
	2021	29.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.2%
	2020	92.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	110.8
	2016-2020	122.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	11.65%
	2016-2020	10.19%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	35
	2020	20
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	12.4%
	2020	5.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4.5
	2020	5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	9.8
	2016-2020	8.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33
	2016-2020	46.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.7
	2016-2020	26.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	108.2
	2016-2020	232.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	78.6%
	2016-2020	75%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	16.5
	2015-2019	39.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	87
	2015-2019	96.3
Uninsured children	2015	5.3%
	2019	6.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	92.7%
	2020	90.5%

^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).