

Missouri State Profile

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2017	2021	2017	2021	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	249,829	222,992	18.5%	16.5%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^b	241,830	211,500	17.4%	15.4%	↑
Health					
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	30,810	31,342	8.2%	8.8%	↓
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b, c}	9,823	6,876	7.1	5.0	↑
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	11,118	4,964	8.0	3.6	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4,300	3,304	22.5	17.0	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	4,529	4,206	3.3	3.0	↑
Education					
High school graduation	59,046	58,710	91.0%	90.8%	↓
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}					
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	25,814	—	41.4%	
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	30,425	—	44.9%	
4th grade math (MAP)	—	22,947	—	36.8%	
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	15,647	—	26.8%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	6,113,532	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	104.2
	2021	6,168,187		2022	91.7
Child population under 18	2017	1,382,971	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	18.4%
	2021	1,384,557		2022	19.9%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8%
	2021	22.5%		2021	93.7%
Child population under 6	2017	449,401	Family & Community		
	2021	435,790	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	47.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.4%		2017-2021	56.5
	2021	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	349,168		2017-2021	13.3%
	2021	391,803	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	27.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	25.2%		2021	18.7
	2021	28.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	118,509		2021	1.7%
	2021	129,021	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under-6 child population ^a	2017	26.4%		2021	5.1
	2021	29.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	32.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.4
	2017-2021	24.2%		2017-2021	6.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	22.9
	2017-2021	66.7%		2017-2021	27.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.7
Children in poverty under 6	2017	20.0%		2017-2021	20.5
	2021	15.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	48.4
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	17.2%		2017-2021	55.5
	2017-2021	15.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2012-2016	58.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	26.8%		2017-2021	62.1%
	2017-2021	26.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	35.0%		2016-2020	27.2
	2017-2021	30.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	97.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	32.6%		2016-2020	124.0
	2021	28.6%	Uninsured children	2016	4.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$ 62,613		2020	6.7%
	2017-2021	\$ 77,490	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.8%		2021	92.4%
	2021	4.4%			
Child homelessness	2017	3.7%			
	2021	1.9%			

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.