

St. Charles County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: St. Charles

Population: 409,981

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,146	5,468	6.7%	6.0%	↑	16.5%	1
Food insecurity for children ^b	11,940	7,830	12.9%	8.4%	↑	15.4%	1
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	1,517	1,590	6.7%	7.4%	↓	8.8%	41
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	451	365	4.8	3.9	↑	5.0	40
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	508	172	5.4	1.8	↑	3.6	40
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	89	70	7.0	5.4	↑	17.0	5
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	249	258	2.7	2.8	↓	3.0	28
Education							
High school graduation	4,189	4,378	92.7%	94.4%	↑	90.8%	48
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	2,080	—	52.6		41.4%	17
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	2,435	—	57.1		44.9%	5
4th grade math (MAP)	—	1,790	—	45.2		36.8%	21
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	1,425	—	41.4		26.8%	18

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

Total population	2017	395,504
	2020	409,981
Child population under 18	2017	93,319
	2021	93,314
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.6%
	2021	22.8%
Child population under 6	2017	28,853
	2021	27,463
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.3%
	2021	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	14,377
	2021	17,968
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	15.4%
	2021	19.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	4,562
	2021	5,577
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	15.8%
	2021	20.3%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	22.4%
	2017-2021	16.8%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	76.9%
	2017-2021	76.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	7.8%
	2021	5.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	5.8%
	2017-2021	5.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	21.5%
	2017-2021	20.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	15.0%
	2017-2021	11.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	12.3%
	2021	10.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$97,328
	2017-2021	\$115,254
Adult unemployment	2017	2.9%
	2021	3.5%
Child homelessness	2017	1.5%
	2021	0.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	111.2
	2022	108.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	18.2%
	2022	16.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.2
	2021	94.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	29.0
	2017-2021	15.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	10.4%
	2017-2021	9.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	18.3
	2021	13.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.4%
	2021	1.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	1.3
	2021	1.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.4
	2017-2021	5.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	11.6
	2017-2021	13.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	9.7
	2017-2021	11.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	21.0
	2017-2021	24.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	50.0%
	2017-2021	25.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	18
	2016-2020	26.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	101.2
	2016-2020	122.7
Uninsured children	2016	2.8%
	2020	4.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.1%
	2021	92.2%

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

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).