

St. Francois County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Farmington

Population: 67,541

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,248	3,195	23.6%	23.0%	↑	16.5%	79
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,710	2,610	19.1%	18.6%	↑	15.4%	77
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	293	342	8.1%	9.9%	↓	8.8%	101
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	98	90	6.9	6.3	↑	5.0	98
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	86	27	6.0	1.9	↑	3.6	42
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	64	51	34.6	26.6	↑	17.0	81
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	77	92	5.4	6.5	↓	3.0	89
Education							
High school graduation	638	719	93.5%	90.9%	↓	90.8%	79
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	293	—	40.1		41.4%	60
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	396	—	43.7		44.9%	52
4th grade math (MAP)	—	214	—	29.3		36.8%	100
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	307	—	33.9		26.8%	44

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	66,705
	2020	67,541
Child population under 18	2017	14,227
	2021	14,247
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.3%
	2021	21.1%
Child population under 6	2017	4,410
	2021	4,357
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.6%
	2021	6.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	854
	2021	1,095
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.0%
	2021	7.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	346
	2021	367
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.8%
	2021	8.4%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	30.0%
	2017-2021	23.8%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.4%
	2017-2021	63.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	11.6%
	2021	35.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	22.2%
	2017-2021	22.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	25.9%
	2017-2021	25.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	40.9%
	2017-2021	37.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	41.0%
	2021	37.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$52,923
	2017-2021	\$60,048
Adult unemployment	2017	4.4%
	2021	4.8%
Child homelessness	2017	5.0%
	2021	2.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	108.9
	2022	91.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	8.3%
	2022	10.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.7
	2021	94.6

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	42.7
	2017-2021	35.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.6%
	2017-2021	13.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	58.2
	2021	31.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.9%
	2021	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.7
	2021	10.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	8.0
	2017-2021	6.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	28.2
	2017-2021	28.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.3
	2017-2021	21.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	66.6
	2017-2021	54.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	25.6
	2016-2020	28.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	104.8
	2016-2020	129.6
Uninsured children	2016	4.6%
	2020	6.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.1%
	2021	94.0%

^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).