

St. Louis County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

County Seat: Clayton

Population: 997,187

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	28,435	28,662	13.1%	13.2%	↓	16.5%	15
Food insecurity for children ^b	33,280	30,820	14.8%	14.0%	↑	15.4%	22
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	5,277	5,600	9.1%	10.2%	↓	8.8%	102
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	1,542	1,100	7.0	5.0	↑	5.0	77
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,939	1,099	13.3	5.0	↑	3.6	106
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	454	324	14.6	10.5	↑	17.0	12
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	294	272	1.3	1.2	↑	3.0	2
Education							
High school graduation	9,655	9,077	91.1%	88.8%	↓	90.8%	98
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	3,781	—	40.3		41.4%	59
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	4,527	—	45.5		44.9%	45
4th grade math (MAP)	—	3,009	—	32.2		36.8%	84
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	1,748	—	21.1		26.8%	90

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	996,726
	2020	997,187
Child population under 18	2017	219,750
	2021	220,665
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.0%
	2021	22.1%
Child population under 6	2017	70,263
	2021	69,105
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.0%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	92,266
	2021	100,163
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	42.0%
	2021	45.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	29,992
	2021	32,241
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	42.7%
	2021	46.7%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	33.7%
	2017-2021	28.2%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	65.2%
	2017-2021	65.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.4%
	2021	13.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	12.1%
	2017-2021	12.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	28.0%
	2017-2021	27.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	25.2%
	2017-2021	23.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	28.3%
	2021	28.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$83,931
	2017-2021	\$98,427
Adult unemployment	2017	3.4%
	2021	4.5%
Child homelessness	2017	3.6%
	2021	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	120.6
	2022	116.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	27.7%
	2022	31.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8
	2021	94.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	40.7
	2017-2021	34.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.1%
	2017-2021	13.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	29.2
	2021	17.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.8%
	2021	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	2.1
	2021	1.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.3
	2017-2021	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.0
	2017-2021	25.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	15.2
	2017-2021	18.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	42.0
	2017-2021	55.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	60.0%
	2017-2021	71.4%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	16.3
	2016-2020	25.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	91.6
	2016-2020	109.2
Uninsured children	2016	3.5%
	2020	4.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.6%
	2021	92.3%

^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).