

St. Louis City

County
Composite
Rank

115²⁰¹⁹

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Population: 293,310

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	19,009	17,437	32.6%	33.0%	↓	16.5%	112
Food insecurity for children ^b	14,890	15,540	23.3%	26.0%	↓	15.4%	111
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	2,862	2,518	12.5%	12.8%	↓	8.8%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	714	476	11.5	8.8	↑	5.0	112
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1,695	650	27.4	12.0	↑	3.6	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	220	201	27.7	27.4	↑	17.0	84
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	210	156	3.5	2.9	↑	3.0	32
Education							
High school graduation	1,624	1,472	74.3%	75.2%	↑	90.8%	115
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	393	—	16.0		41.4%	115
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	531	—	25.3		44.9%	112
4th grade math (MAP)	—	306	—	12.5		36.8%	115
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	205	—	10.1		26.8%	110

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.

Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	308,626	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	187.5
	2020	293,310		2022	176.4
Child population under 18	2017	59,774	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	24.2%
	2021	54,137		2022	29.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	19.4%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	93.6
	2021	18.5%		2021	86.1
Child population under 6	2017	23,116	Family & Community		
	2021	20,165	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	119.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%		2017-2021	59.8
	2021	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	24.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	42,821		2017-2021	22.3%
	2021	39,054	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	27.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	71.6%		2021	26.2
	2021	72.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	13.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	15,361		2021	4.6%
	2021	13,459	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	4.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	66.5%		2021	6.1
	2021	66.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	59.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	9.5
	2017-2021	48.2%		2017-2021	8.7
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	39.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	32.5
	2017-2021	43.5%		2017-2021	50.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.9
Children in poverty under 6	2017	27.2%		2017-2021	38.7
	2021	26.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	98.6
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	32.2%		2017-2021	110.0
	2017-2021	34.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	88.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	38.1%		2017-2021	66.7%
	2017-2021	35.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	16.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	53.9%		2016-2020	55.7
	2017-2021	45.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	96.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	68.5%		2016-2020	128.4
	2021	60.9%	Uninsured children	2016	4.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$36,195		2020	4.3%
	2017-2021	\$52,842	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	92.1%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.4%		2021	79.8%
	2021	6.4%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	17.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	6.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		