

Missouri State Race/Ethnicity Profile

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

Economic Well-being		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Two or more races
Children under 18 in poverty	2018	40.1%	15.3%	26.8%	4.8%	21.5%
	2022	37.1%	13.2%	25.3%	9.5%	16.5%
Food insecurity for children ^b	2017	No data available by race/ethnicity				
	2021	No data available by race/ethnicity				
Health		Black/ African American	White	All Others		
Low birthweight infants ^a	2013-2017	14.7%	7.2%	8.6%		
	2018-2022	15.9%	7.5%	9.4%		
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^a	2017	12.9	5.9	8.5		
	2021	10.8	4.7	21.6		
Child asthma ER visits (per 1,000) ^b	2017	31.5	3.4	7.2		
	2021	18.4	2.3	13.6		
Family & Community		Black/ African American	White	All Others		
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) ^a	2018	30.5	19.1	26.0		
	2022	25.8	14.2	27.4		
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	2018	3.6	3.0	3.3		
	2022	2.3	2.7	3.7		
Education		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Native American
High school graduation rate	2018	80.4%	91.7%	86.0%	93.3%	86.2%
	2022	80.6%	92.4%	86.1%	95.1%	85.6%
Achievement proficiency ^{b, c} 3rd grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2018	—	—	—	—	—
	2022	17.7%	47.7%	30.6%	51.3%	38.9%
8th grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2018	—	—	—	—	—
	2022	21.8%	47.5%	34.7%	60.0%	37.8%
4th grade math (MAP)	2018	—	—	—	—	—
	2022	15.1%	50.9%	32.1%	59.7%	34.1%
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	2018	—	—	—	—	—
	2022	17.6%	47.2%	31.0%	65.3%	31.0%

^a For this indicator, Hispanics/Latinos are not considered a separate race and may belong to all race groups shown.

^b For this indicator, Hispanics/Latinos are treated as a separate racial/ethnic group and are not included in the other categories.

^c Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022.