

Missouri State Profile

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2018	2022	2018	2022	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	245,703	224,201	18.3%	16.8%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^b	243,110	177,320	17.5%	12.8%	↑
Health					
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	31,700	31,288	8.5%	8.9%	↓
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b, c}	9,819	8,541	7.1	6.3	↑
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	10,433	6,990	7.5	5.1	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4,108	3,269	21.6	16.8	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	5,465	3,737	4.0	2.7	↑
Education					
High school graduation	59,564	59,586	91.3%	91.2%	↓
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}					
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	26,313	—	41.0%	
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	29,159	—	41.9%	
4th grade math (MAP)	—	27,843	—	43.0%	
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	29,795	—	41.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	6,090,062	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	103.3
	2022	6,177,957		2023	99.4
Child population under 18	2018	1,376,830	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	18.4%
	2022	1,364,908		2023	18.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.5%
	2022	22.1%		2022	92.1%
Child population under 6	2018	447,782	Family & Community		
	2022	427,410	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	49.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%		2018-2022	60.8
	2022	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	349,664		2018-2022	13.4%
	2022	392,526	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	25.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	25.4%		2022	26.1
	2022	28.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	117,844		2022	1.9%
	2022	130,172	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	5.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under-6 child population ^a	2018	26.3%		2022	4.4
	2022	30.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	32.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.4
	2018-2022	23.9%		2018-2022	6.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	66.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.7
	2018-2022	66.8%		2018-2022	28.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	20.0%		2018-2022	20.8
	2022	19.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	50.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	17.1%		2018-2022	58.8
	2022	15.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2013-2017	58.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	26.8%		2018-2022	60.5%
	2018-2022	26.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	22.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	35.0%		2017-2021	26.6
	2018-2022	30.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	103.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	31.6%		2017-2021	124.1
	2022	28.3%	Uninsured children	2017	5.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$62,613		2021	5.9%
	2018-2022	\$84,231	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.2%		2022	90.8%
	2022	2.5%			
Child homelessness	2018	4.0%			
	2022	2.5%			

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2020 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2020 counts and percentages.