

St. Charles County

County
Composite
Rank

5 2020

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County Seat: St. Charles

Population: 413,803

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,411	5,350	7.0%	5.9%	↑	16.8%	1
Food insecurity for children ^b	11,900	4,780	12.8%	5.1%	↑	12.8%	1
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	1,603	1,585	7.1%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	33
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	464	456	5.0	4.9	↑	6.3	47
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	469	319	5.0	3.5	↑	5.1	67
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	96	74	7.6	5.7	↑	16.8	3
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	308	171	3.3	1.9	↑	2.7	20
Education							
High school graduation	4,249	4,462	92.9%	93.9%	↑	91.2%	56
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	2,668	2,319	61.3	53.9		41.0%	9
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	2,762	2,601	61.1	56.1		41.9%	2
4th grade math (MAP)	2,741	2,291	60.6	55.6		43.0%	11
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	3,059	3,382	67.1	65.1		41.2%	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	389,985	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	115.9
	2021	413,803		2023	110.7
Child population under 18	2018	92,666	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	18.2%
	2022	92,296		2023	14.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	22.3%		2022	92.8
Child population under 6	2018	28,622	Family & Community		
	2022	26,970	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	28.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%		2018-2022	27.1
	2022	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	14,437		2018-2022	9.5%
	2022	18,763	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	15.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	15.6%		2022	17.1
	2022	20.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	4,474		2022	1.1%
	2022	5,957	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	1.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	15.6%		2022	1.0
	2022	22.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	22.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.5
	2018-2022	15.8%		2018-2022	5.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	76.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	14.2
	2018-2022	77.1%		2018-2022	14.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	8.7%		2018-2022	10.7
	2022	7.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	6.3%		2018-2022	30.3
	2022	4.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	28.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.5%		2018-2022	33.3%
	2018-2022	20.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	20.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	15.0%		2017-2021	24.6
	2018-2022	11.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	95.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	11.8%		2017-2021	121.7
	2022	10.2%	Uninsured children	2017	3.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$597,328		2021	3.8%
	2018-2022	\$5126,946	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.9%
Adult unemployment	2018	2.5%		2022	91.3%
	2022	2.1%	^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 occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	1.2%			
	2022	0.7%			