

St. Francois County

County
Composite
Rank

72 ²⁰²⁰

105 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Farmington

Population: 66,969

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,366	3,090	24.6%	22.7%	↑	16.8%	75
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,570	2,300	18.2%	16.1%	↑	12.8%	84
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	302	322	8.4%	9.5%	↓	8.9%	97
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	108	126	7.6	9.0	↓	6.3	110
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	95	50	6.7	3.6	↑	5.1	71
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	52	45	27.7	23.6	↑	16.8	69
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	120	77	8.5	5.5	↑	2.7	84
Education							
High school graduation	732	677	93.5%	88.7%	↓	91.2%	104
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	401	292	51.2	43.8		41.0%	37
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	395	361	49.4	43.6		41.9%	37
4th grade math (MAP)	439	346	50.6	48.3		43.0%	34
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	455	363	51.0	44.1		41.2%	30

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	66,342	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	113.2
	2021	66,969		2023	102.2
Child population under 18	2018	14,102	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	8.3%
	2022	14,064		2023	9.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.7
	2022	21.0%		2022	92.8
Child population under 6	2018	4,345	Family & Community		
	2022	4,261	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	43.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.5%		2018-2022	51.1
	2022	6.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	894		2018-2022	14.7%
	2022	1,173	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	41.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	6.3%		2022	33.9
	2022	8.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	340		2022	2.7%
	2022	358	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	7.8%		2022	7.3
	2022	8.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.9
	2018-2022	22.9%		2018-2022	7.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.6
	2018-2022	64.9%		2018-2022	28.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	17.1
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	29.4%		2018-2022	22.3
	2022	27.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	66.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	23.3%		2018-2022	53.6
	2022	20.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.9%		2018-2022	50.0%
	2018-2022	24.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	30.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	40.9%		2017-2021	25.8*
	2018-2022	40.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	122.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	40.4%		2017-2021	130.3
	2022	36.3%	Uninsured children	2017	4.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$52,923		2021	6.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$62,834	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.7%		2022	92.2%
	2022	3.3%	^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 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	4.7%			
	2022	3.0%			