

St. Louis County

County
Composite
Rank

47 ²⁰²⁰

76 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Clayton

Population: 990,414

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	33,839	30,200	15.7%	14.3%	↑	16.8%	21
Food insecurity for children ^b	32,440	28,030	14.6%	12.6%	↑	12.8%	47
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	5,424	5,524	9.4%	10.2%	↓	8.9%	106
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	1,595	1,498	7.3	7.0	↑	6.3	88
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,747	1,696	12.5	7.9	↑	5.1	112
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	445	317	14.5	10.3	↑	16.8	13
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	368	69	1.7	0.3	↑	2.7	2
Education							
High school graduation	9,645	9,414	91.0%	90.1%	↓	91.2%	92
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	5,262	4,132	50.6	42.8		41.0%	43
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	5,562	4,574	52.2	44.4		41.9%	31
4th grade math (MAP)	4,941	4,162	46.2	42.0		43.0%	61
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	4,905	5,912	51.6	49.2		41.2%	10

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	998,684	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	119.4
	2021	990,414		2023	122.5
Child population under 18	2018	219,527	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	27.7%
	2022	215,261		2023	30.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.3
	2022	21.7%		2022	91.0
Child population under 6	2018	70,505	Family & Community		
	2022	66,776	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	45.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.1%		2018-2022	73.0
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	92,966		2018-2022	13.8%
	2022	99,546	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	25.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	42.3%		2022	28.8
	2022	46.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	30,281		2022	2.5%
	2022	32,338	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	2.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	42.9%		2022	2.0
	2022	48.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	33.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.6
	2018-2022	28.7%		2018-2022	5.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	65.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	20.3
	2018-2022	63.9%		2018-2022	27.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	17.6%		2018-2022	20.4
	2022	17.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	43.6
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	14.9%		2018-2022	56.6
	2022	12.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	63.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	28.0%		2018-2022	68.8%
	2018-2022	27.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	17.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	25.2%		2017-2021	25.6
	2018-2022	23.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	94.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	28.1%		2017-2021	111.0
	2022	27.9%	Uninsured children	2017	3.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$83,931		2021	3.9%
	2018-2022	\$\$107,348	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.1%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.0%		2022	89.1%
	2022	2.4%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	4.4%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	3.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		