

St. Louis City

County
Composite
Rank

2020 **115** 2024 **115**

Population: 286,578

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	21,558	16,815	38.4%	33.3%	↑	16.8%	110
Food insecurity for children ^b	13,970	14,420	22.3%	25.1%	↓	12.8%	114
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	2,854	2,367	12.7%	12.5%	↑	8.9%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	697	567	11.7	11.0	↑	6.3	115
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1,491	801	24.9	15.5	↑	5.1	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	219	183	28.8	24.4	↑	16.8	73
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	206	91	3.6	1.8	↑	2.7	16
Education							
High school graduation	1,714	1,428	80.5%	76.7%	↓	91.2%	115
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	622	435	22.3	18.5		41.0%	115
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	505	534	24.5	24.3		41.9%	113
4th grade math (MAP)	580	366	20.6	15.2		43.0%	115
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	430	320	25.8	18.3		41.2%	111

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.

Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	311,273	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	191.2
	2021	286,578		2023	196.0
Child population under 18	2018	57,526	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	24.2%
	2022	51,566		2023	27.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	19.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	93.2
	2022	18.0%		2022	86.2
Child population under 6	2018	21,998	Family & Community		
	2022	19,322	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	123.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%		2018-2022	135.7
	2022	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	11.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	41,239		2018-2022	22.0%
	2022	37,250	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	32.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	71.7%		2022	40.8
	2022	72.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	14,581		2022	7.0%
	2022	13,056	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	66.3%		2022	5.5
	2022	67.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	59.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.8
	2018-2022	47.0%		2018-2022	8.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	39.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	38.3
	2018-2022	43.7%		2018-2022	54.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	39.8%		2018-2022	40.0
	2022	43.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	111.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	37.7%		2018-2022	130.6
	2022	32.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	90.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	38.1%		2018-2022	70.0%
	2018-2022	35.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	19.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	53.9%		2017-2021	61.7
	2018-2022	44.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	96.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	66.7%		2017-2021	129.9
	2022	60.3%	Uninsured children	2017	4.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$36,195		2021	4.5%
	2018-2022	\$\$57,923	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	91.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.8%		2022	81.2%
	2022	3.1%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	18.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	8.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		