Texas County
County Seat: Houston

County Composite Rank **105** 2020 **94** 2024

Population: 25,336

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,844	1,344	34.8%	25.3%	⬆	16.8%	94
Food insecurity for children [b]	1,390	950	23.3%	17.9%	⬆	12.8%	99
Health							
Low birthweight infants [a, c]	121	97	8.1%	7.2%	⬆	8.9%	28
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [c]	40	37	7.2	6.8	⬆	6.3	86
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [b]	33	13	6.0	2.4	⬆	5.1	43
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	20	30.0	31.2	⬇	16.8	94
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	23	40	4.2	7.3	⬇	2.7	99
Education							
High school graduation	248	217	91.5%	92.7%	⬆	91.2%	67
Achievement proficiency [a, d] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	121	94	39.8	33.7		41.0%	89
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	112	104	43.1	36.7		41.9%	74
4th grade math (MAP)	98	102	33.1	37.9		43.0%	86
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	106	91	33.9	31.6		41.2%	84

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.

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	25,671
	2021	25,336
Child population under 18	2018	5,432
	2022	5,457
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.5%
	2022	21.5%
Child population under 6	2018	1,713
	2022	1,686
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.7%
	2022	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	334
	2022	484
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	6.1%
	2022	8.9%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	105
	2022	166
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	6.1%
	2022	9.9%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.6%
	2018-2022	19.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	68.8%
	2018-2022	72.1%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	40.6%
	2022	22.9%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	31.8%
	2022	23.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.8%
	2018-2022	30.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	55.9%
	2018-2022	57.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	37.7%
	2022	31.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$41,415
	2018-2022	$$48,828
Adult unemployment	2018	4.1%
	2022	3.0%
Child homelessness	2018	1.1%
	2022	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	45.7
	2023	36.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	27.4%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	93.5

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	65.6
	2018-2022	56.4
Single parent head-of-house-hold with children under 18	2013-2017	9.6%
	2018-2022	8.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	16.6
	2022	34.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.0%
	2022	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.2
	2022	8.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	8.0
	2018-2022	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	33.5
	2018-2022	27.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	20.1
	2018-2022	23.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	99.9
	2018-2022	40.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	75.0%
	2018-2022	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	18.3*
	2017-2021	28.1*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	85.2
	2017-2021	112.9
Uninsured children	2017	9.3%
	2021	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.8%
	2022	93.2%

[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).