

St. Charles County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	4,941	5,122	5.4%	5.6%	↓	14.7%	1
Food insecurity for children ^a	7,600	8,400	8.2%	9.1%	↓	18.7%	1
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	1,309	1,559	7.4%	7.5%	↓	8.9%	41
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	500	511	5.4	5.5	↓	7.1	41
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	534	356	5.8	3.8	↑	5.5	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	95	69	7.5	5.3	↑	15.9	6
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	228	247	2.5	2.7	↓	2.9	36
Education							
High school graduation	4,359	4,455	94.9%	93.9%	↓	91.3%	63
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	2,705	2,271	62.6%	52.5%	↓	42.2%	6
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	2,701	2,487	60.3%	54.5%	↓	42.3%	7
4th grade math (MAP)	2,646	2,601	60.5%	58.9%	↓	43.7%	8
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	2,988	3,142	65.4%	62.9%	↓	40.1%	3

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	402,022	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	115.9
	2022	416,659		2024	114.8
Child population under 18	2019	92,296	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	15.8%
	2023	92,794		2024	14.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.0
	2023	22.3%		2023	92.8
Child population under 6	2019	28,076	Family & Community		
	2023	26,914	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	30.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.0%		2019-2023	25.7
	2023	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	14,686		2019-2023	9.7%
	2023	20,092	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	18.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	15.9%		2023	19.1
	2023	21.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	4,443		2023	1.1%
	2023	6,387	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	1.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	15.8%		2023	1.2
	2023	23.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	22.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.8
	2019-2023	15.5%		2019-2023	4.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	76.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.3
	2019-2023	77.2%		2019-2023	16.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	9.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	5.6%		2019-2023	12.9
	2023	5.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	27.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	4.8%		2019-2023	31.7
	2023	5.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	25.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	21.3%		2019-2023	42.9%
	2019-2023	20.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	21.3
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	13.8%		2018-2022	24.4
	2019-2023	11.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	90.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	10.9%		2018-2022	12.1
	2023	10.2%	Uninsured children	2018	3.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$102,583		2022	3.8%
	2019-2023	\$132,705	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	2.5%		2023	91.5%
	2023	2.5%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	1.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	5.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		