

St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

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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	26,259	26,595	12.3%	12.6%	↓	14.7%	18
Food insecurity for children ^a	24,940	38,090	11.3%	17.4%	↓	18.7%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	4,502	5,364	9.8%	10.2%	↓	8.9%	105
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	1,669	1,845	7.7	8.6	↓	7.1	103
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	2,609	2,014	12.0	9.4	↑	5.5	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	404	281	13.3	9.0	↑	15.9	21
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	259	153	1.2	0.7	↑	2.9	5
Education							
High school graduation	9,482	9,160	91.4%	82.9%	↓	91.3%	108
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	5,077	4,301	49.0%	44.5%	↓	42.2%	37
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	4,999	4,637	47.9%	45.5%	↓	42.3%	22
4th grade math (MAP)	4,841	4,242	45.9%	43.7%	↓	43.7%	56
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	4,976	5,644	52.2%	44.3%	↓	40.1%	24

^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	994,205	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	119.4
	2022	987,059		2024	121.4
Child population under 18	2019	217,851	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	25.0%
	2023	215,244		2024	32.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.2
	2023	21.8%		2023	91.1
Child population under 6	2019	70,129	Family & Community		
	2023	65,842	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	56.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.1%		2019-2023	70.5
	2023	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	92,706		2019-2023	14.0%
	2023	100,887	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	26.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	42.6%		2023	30.7
	2023	46.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	2.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	30,186		2023	2.5%
	2023	32,062	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	2.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	43.0%		2023	1.8
	2023	48.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	33.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.8
	2019-2023	27.8%		2019-2023	5.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	65.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.7
	2019-2023	64.1%		2019-2023	27.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	14.9%		2019-2023	21.3
	2023	14.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	49.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	11.2%		2019-2023	51.9
	2023	11.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	63.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	28.5%		2019-2023	75.0%
	2019-2023	27.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	15.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	24.4%		2018-2022	25.7
	2019-2023	23.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	86.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	27.7%		2018-2022	11.1
	2023	27.5%	Uninsured children	2018	4.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$90,176		2022	4.0%
	2019-2023	\$109,847	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	92.9%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.1%		2023	89.0%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	4.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	0.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		