

St. Louis City

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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	15,223	13,506	27.7%	27.1%	↑	14.7%	103
Food insecurity for children ^a	13,330	17,070	21.8%	30.9%	↓	18.7%	113
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	2,244	2,266	13.1%	12.6%	↑	8.9%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	760	664	13.5	13.1	↑	7.1	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	1,501	844	26.7	16.6	↑	5.5	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	223	172	29.6	22.8	↑	15.9	74
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	168	96	3.0	1.9	↑	2.9	24
Education							
High school graduation	1,526	1,285	76.1%	63.6%	↓	91.3%	115
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	640	516	23.3%	21.9%	↓	42.2%	115
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	546	534	27.0%	25.6%	↓	42.3%	108
4th grade math (MAP)	518	378	20.0%	16.7%	↓	43.7%	115
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	396	407	23.7%	20.8%	↓	40.1%	111

^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	300,576	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	191.2
	2022	281,754		2024	185.6
Child population under 18	2019	56,307	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	16.5%
	2023	50,849		2024	31.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	18.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	92.7
	2023	18.1%		2023	86.4
Child population under 6	2019	21,571	Family & Community		
	2023	18,612	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	127.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.2%		2019-2023	152.9
	2023	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	11.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	39,905		2019-2023	21.6%
	2023	36,721	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	31.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	70.9%		2023	42.6
	2023	72.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	7.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	13,981		2023	7.6%
	2023	12,531	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	5.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	64.8%		2023	5.8
	2023	67.3%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	60.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	8.1
	2019-2023	46.4%		2019-2023	9.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	38.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	38.9
	2019-2023	44.7%		2019-2023	59.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	22.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	20.4%		2019-2023	42.2
	2023	26.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	108.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	29.1%		2019-2023	142.9
	2023	25.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	92.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	39.6%		2019-2023	62.5%
	2019-2023	34.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	19.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	52.2%		2018-2022	62.9
	2019-2023	43.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	87.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	64.0%		2018-2022	13.1
	2023	58.3%	Uninsured children	2018	5.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$37,966		2022	4.4%
	2019-2023	\$61,225	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	91.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.9%		2023	81.1%
	2023	3.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	16.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		