

Missouri State Race/Ethnicity Profile

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2026

Economic Well-being		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Two or more races
Children under 18 in poverty	2020	41.1%	18%	31%	12.8%	25.8%
	2024	32.8%	11.1%	26.2%	13.9%	22.2%
Food insecurity for children	2019	No data available by race/ethnicity				
	2023	No data available by race/ethnicity				
Health ^{a, b}		Black/ African American	White	All Others		
Low birthweight infants	2015-2019	15.3%	7.3%	9.5%		
	2020-2024	16.3%	7.5%	9.4%		
Child asthma ER visits (per 1,000)	2019	22	2.7	4.5		
	2023	20.4	2.5	7.1		
Family & Community ^a		Black/ African American	White	All Others		
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	2020	30.8	19.1	25.1		
	2024	22.6	14.7	15.5		
Substantiated child abuse/ neglect cases (per 1,000)	2020	3.1	2.4	2.7		
	2024	4.4	2.5	4.5		
Education ^c		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Native American
High school graduation rate	2020	82.5%	93.5%	88.3%	94.1%	91.3%
	2024	81.6%	93.3%	86.9%	95.3%	90.7%
Achievement proficiency ^{d, e} 3rd grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2020	—	—	—	—	—
	2024	19.6%	47.4%	32%	48.7%	34.8%
8th grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2020	—	—	—	—	—
	2024	22.2%	47%	34.2%	60.3%	36.6%
4th grade math (MAP)	2020	—	—	—	—	—
	2024	17.3%	51.8%	32.2%	61.1%	41.3%
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	2020	—	—	—	—	—
	2024	18.2%	47%	32.4%	63.1%	32%

^a For these indicators, Hispanics/Latinos are not considered a separate race and may belong to all race groups shown.

^b "Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^c For these indicators, Hispanics/Latinos are treated as a separate racial/ethnic group and are not included in the other categories.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP or Algebra 1 tests.

^e Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.