

# Missouri State Profile

## Missouri KIDS COUNT 2026

Population: 6,245,466

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2020	2024	2020	2024	
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>					
Children under 18 in poverty	208,410	205,264	15.5%	15.3%	↑
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	204,320	248,620	14.8%	18.1%	↓
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>					
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	31,683	30,456	8.7%	8.9%	↓
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	8,563	7,425	6.2	5.4	↑
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3,556	3,165	18.8	15.9	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	4,375	4,044	3.2	2.9	↑
<b>Education</b>					
High school graduation	58,890	61,268	91.3%	92.1%	↑
Achievement proficiency					
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	42,569	26,343	60.5%	41.6%	↓
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	39,409	27,803	59.1%	42.1%	↓
4th grade math (MAP)	36,128	28,850	52.5%	44.5%	↓
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	42,972	29,513	65.1%	41.5%	↓

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

### Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup> "Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	6,124,160	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	86.4
	2024	6,245,466		2024	96.7
Child population under 18	2020	1,371,429	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	21.6%
	2024	1,372,092		2024	18.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.2%
	2024	22.0%		2023	92.5%
Child population under 6	2020	443,484	Family & Community		
	2024	423,370	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2014-2018	56.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.2%		2019-2023	62.4
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-house-hold with children under 18	2014-2018	8.5%
Minority child population under 18	2020	355,202		2019-2023	13.3%
	2024	410,647	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	16.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	25.9%		2023	28.6
	2024	29.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	119,681		2023	1.6%
	2024	133,541	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	4.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under-6 child population	2020	27.0%		2023	3.5
	2024	31.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2015-2019	24.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2014-2018	6.1
	2020-2024	23.5%		2019-2023	6.0
Children in married-parent families	2015-2019	66.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	26.1
	2020-2024	66.5%		2019-2023	28.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	15.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	18.9%		2019-2023	21.4
	2024	16.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	53.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	14.8%		2019-2023	59.2
	2024	14.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2014-2018	61.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2015-2019	26.3%		2019-2023	60.4%
	2020-2024	26.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2015-2019	26.3%		2018-2022	16.3
	2020-2024	29.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2013-2017	97.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	30.2%		2018-2022	121.4
	2024	27.9%	Uninsured children	2018	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2015-2019	\$72,033		2022	5.2%
	2020-2024	\$91,795	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.4%
Adult unemployment*	2020	6.1%		2023	91.2%
	2023	3.1%			
Child homelessness	2020	3.8%			
	2024	2.6%			

\*There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026. An update to MKC data tools will be announced upon release.