

New Madrid County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	967	957	25.5%	27.4%	↓	15.3%	106
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,020	990	24.8%	26.0%	↓	18.1%	107
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	117	104	10.6%	11.0%	↓	8.9%	110
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	9	4	2.3	1.1	↑	5.4	17
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	22	14	46.2	27.9	↑	15.9	90
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	26	9	6.7	2.5	↑	2.9	36
Education							
High school graduation	138	170	95.2%	92.9%	↓	92.1%	75
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	95	62	45.9%	38.8%	↓	41.6%	64
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	94	67	59.1%	38.1%	↓	42.1%	57
4th grade math (MAP)	71	88	34.0%	44.9%	↑	44.5%	54
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	80	47	45.2%	24.0%	↓	41.5%	104

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

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

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	17,275	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	32.0
	2023	15,212		2025	81.4
Child population under 18	2020	3,869	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	3,575		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.7
	2024	23.5%		2024	93.5
Child population under 6	2020	1,266	Family & Community		
	2024	1,090	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	104.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.6%		2020-2024	96.8
	2024	7.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	13.8%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,052		2020-2024	18.5%
	2024	1,097	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	18.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	27.2%		2024	32.5
	2024	30.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	360		2024	1.1%
	2024	361	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	8.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	28.4%		2024	8.1
	2024	33.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	39.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	10.8
	2020-2024	34.1%		2020-2024	11.6
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	50.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	5.5
	2020-2024	50.5%		2020-2024	52.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	5.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	24.3%		2020-2024	44.2
	2024	29.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	25.3%		2020-2024	87.0
	2024	25.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	22.4%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	24.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	20.2
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	57.7%		2019-2023	0**
	2020-2024	50.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	108.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	47.1%		2019-2023	162.3
	2024	47.1%	Uninsured children	2019	6.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$34,351		2023	6.1%
	2020-2024	\$58,608	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.2%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.8%		2024	92.7%
	2023	3.7%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.7%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.8%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		