

St. Charles 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	4,879	5,638	5.4%	6.2%	↓	15.3%	1
Food insecurity for children ^a	6,760	8,980	7.3%	9.6%	↓	18.1%	1
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	1,655	1,537	7.6%	7.5%	↑	8.9%	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	423	367	4.6	4.0	↑	5.4	81
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	80	56	6.3	4.3	↑	15.9	6
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	282	235	3.0	2.5	↑	2.9	37
Education							
High school graduation	4,264	4,500	94.7%	94.7%	↓	92.1%	58
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	3,082	2,215	71.7%	52.1%	↓	41.6%	10
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	3,172	2,610	73.8%	57.9%	↓	42.1%	3
4th grade math (MAP)	2,994	2,573	68.1%	58.0%	↓	44.5%	9
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	3,488	2,824	80.0%	62.9%	↓	41.5%	2

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	398,472	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	114.5
	2023	423,726		2025	122.0
Child population under 18	2020	92,500	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	14.5%
	2024	92,606		2025	14.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.8
	2024	21.9%		2024	93.1
Child population under 6	2020	28,015	Family & Community		
	2024	26,666	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	29.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.9%		2020-2024	26.3
	2024	6.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2020	15,319		2020-2024	9.7%
	2024	21,196	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	12.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	16.6%		2024	20.4
	2024	22.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.6%
Minority child population under 6	2020	4,799		2024	1.0%
	2024	6,794	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	1.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	17.1%		2024	1.3
	2024	25.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	16.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.8
	2020-2024	15.4%		2020-2024	3.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	76.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	15.2
	2020-2024	76.8%		2020-2024	17.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	10.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	6.2%		2020-2024	13.5
	2024	5.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	28.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	5.1%		2020-2024	32.7
	2024	6.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	20.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	20.0%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	21.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	24.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	12.1%		2019-2023	19.9
	2020-2024	12.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	101.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	11.1%		2019-2023	116.5
	2024	10.2%	Uninsured children	2019	4.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$109,118		2023	3.1%
	2020-2024	\$137,594	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.7%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.2%		2024	91.7%
	2023	2.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	6.1%	^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).		