

St. Francois County

County Seat: Farmington

Population: 67,503

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,564	2,145	18.8%	15.9%	↑	15.3%	42
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,460	3,100	17.6%	22.0%	↓	18.1%	90
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	335	326	9.6%	9.6%	↑	8.9%	97
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	81	46	5.8	3.3	↑	5.4	67
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	62	42	32.6	20.5	↑	15.9	61
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	72	65	5.1	4.7	↑	2.9	83
Education							
High school graduation	745	669	92.8%	92.5%	↓	92.1%	80
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	597	86	66.9%	39.5%	↓	41.6%	59
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	543	63	63.2%	40.3%	↓	42.1%	48
4th grade math (MAP)	447	91	56.2%	46.7%	↓	44.5%	42
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	512	90	70.4%	35.9%	↓	41.5%	64

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	66,653	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	94.5
	2023	67,503		2025	108.9
Child population under 18	2020	13,990	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	10.0%
	2024	13,818		2025	8.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	21.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.8
	2024	20.5%		2024	93.2
Child population under 6	2020	4,344	Family & Community		
	2024	4,063	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	46.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.5%		2020-2024	52.0
	2024	6.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	834		2020-2024	15.9%
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.0%	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	23.2
	2024	8.6%		2024	36.1
Minority child population under 6	2020	277	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.9%
	2024	376		2024	1.5%
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.4%	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.9
	2024	9.3%		2024	6.4
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	24.8%	Health		
	2020-2024	21.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	66.0%		2020-2024	8.5
	2020-2024	66.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	27.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	20.1%		2020-2024	34.8
	2024	11.0%	Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	16.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	17.5%		2020-2024	26.6
	2024	15.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	56.2
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	26.0%		2020-2024	67.3
	2020-2024	23.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	39.4%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	36.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	35.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	39.4%		2019-2023	9.5*
	2024	39.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	104.8
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$56,920		Uninsured children	2019
	2020-2024	\$66,506	2023		5.6%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	7.0%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.2%
	2023	3.9%		2024	93.1%
Child homelessness	2020	2.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
	2024	2.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		

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^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).