

St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

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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	24,856	27,675	11.6%	13.1%	↓	15.3%	24
Food insecurity for children ^a	27,230	38,900	12.4%	17.6%	↓	18.1%	46
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	5,636	5,164	10.0%	10.1%	↓	8.9%	103
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	2,295	2,008	10.5	9.4	↑	5.4	114
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	341	326	11.3	10.5	↑	15.9	23
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	308	352	1.4	1.6	↓	2.9	18
Education							
High school graduation	9,361	9,231	89.7%	89.9%	↑	92.1%	100
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	6,651	4,131	62.6%	42.7%	↓	41.6%	42
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	6,490	4,517	62.2%	44.9%	↓	42.1%	31
4th grade math (MAP)	5,542	4,459	53.1%	45.6%	↓	44.5%	48
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	6,769	4,935	71.7%	45.7%	↓	41.5%	23

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	996,179	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	116.9
	2023	992,929		2025	124.1
Child population under 18	2020	218,138	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	30.1%
	2024	214,394		2025	30.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	21.6%		2024	91.8
Child population under 6	2020	70,368	Family & Community		
	2024	64,700	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	62.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	71.3
	2024	6.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.5%
Minority child population under 18	2020	94,117		2020-2024	13.9%
	2024	101,698	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	18.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	43.1%		2024	30.9
	2024	47.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.8%
Minority child population under 6	2020	31,087		2024	2.0%
	2024	32,098	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	1.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	44.2%		2024	1.5
	2024	49.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	28.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	6.1
	2020-2024	27.9%		2020-2024	5.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	65.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	24.0
	2020-2024	65.0%		2020-2024	28.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	14.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	13.5%		2020-2024	22.3
	2024	14.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	21.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	11.5%		2020-2024	55.5
	2024	12.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	27.5%		2020-2024	73.7%
	2020-2024	28.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	20.1
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	23.8%		2019-2023	14.8
	2020-2024	23.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	91.6
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	29.2%		2019-2023	106.4
	2024	27.5%	Uninsured children	2019	4.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$94,497		2023	3.8%
	2020-2024	\$113,647	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	6.3%		2024	89.8%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	3.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		