

St. Louis City

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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	15,614	15,856	28.9%	32.4%	↓	15.3%	112
Food insecurity for children ^a	14,000	16,650	23.4%	30.6%	↓	18.1%	112
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	2,619	2,167	12.9%	12.6%	↑	8.9%	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	1,148	812	20.8	16.3	↑	5.4	115
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	227	162	31.1	21.7	↑	15.9	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	191	229	3.5	4.6	↓	2.9	81
Education							
High school graduation	1,522	1,357	75.1%	75.1%	↓	92.1%	115
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	979	446	33.2%	20.4%	↓	41.6%	115
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	722	521	32.0%	25.9%	↓	42.1%	105
4th grade math (MAP)	721	424	26.4%	18.5%	↓	44.5%	115
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	961	403	50.6%	20.3%	↓	41.5%	112

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	304,709	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	181.9
	2023	279,695		2025	181.1
Child population under 18	2020	55,302	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	29.9%
	2024	49,887		2025	32.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	18.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	92.4
	2024	17.8%		2024	86.8
Child population under 6	2020	21,084	Family & Community		
	2024	17,941	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	122.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	152.7
	2024	6.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	39,381		2020-2024	21.0%
	2024	35,871	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	20.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	71.2%		2024	44.4
	2024	71.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	5.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	13,877		2024	10.8%
	2024	12,113	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	5.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	65.8%		2024	4.4
	2024	67.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	48.7%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	8.7
	2020-2024	45.7%		2020-2024	9.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	43.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	46.7
	2020-2024	43.4%		2020-2024	59.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	26.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	29.2%		2020-2024	40.3
	2024	33.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	232.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	28.9%		2020-2024	153.8
	2024	32.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	36.0%		2020-2024	72.7%
	2020-2024	34.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	39.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	47.1%		2019-2023	26.5
	2020-2024	44.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	96.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	63.6%		2019-2023	124.0
	2024	57.5%	Uninsured children	2019	6.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$46,209		2023	4.2%
	2020-2024	\$63,571	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	90.5%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	8.5%		2024	81.5%
	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	16.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	8.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		