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Missouri State Profile

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2026

Population: 6,245,466

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2020	2024	2020	2024	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	208,410	205,264	15.5%	15.3%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^a	204,320	248,620	14.8%	18.1%	↓
Health^b					
Low birthweight infants ^c	31,683	30,456	8.7%	8.9%	↓
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	8,563	7,425	6.2	5.4	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3,556	3,165	18.8	15.9	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	4,375	4,044	3.2	2.9	↑
Education					
High school graduation	58,890	61,268	91.3%	92.1%	↑
Achievement proficiency					
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	42,569	26,343	60.5%	41.6%	↓
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	39,409	27,803	59.1%	42.1%	↓
4th grade math (MAP)	36,128	28,850	52.5%	44.5%	↓
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	42,972	29,513	65.1%	41.5%	↓

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

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

Missouri State Profile

Population: 6,245,466

Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	6,124,160	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	86.4
	2024	6,245,466		2024	96.7
Child population under 18	2020	1,371,429	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	21.6%
	2024	1,372,092		2024	18.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.2%
	2024	22.0%		2023	92.5%
Child population under 6	2020	443,484	Family & Community		
	2024	423,370	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2014-2018	56.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.2%		2019-2023	62.4
	2024	6.8%	Single parent head-of-house-hold with children under 18	2014-2018	8.5%
Minority child population under 18	2020	355,202		2019-2023	13.3%
	2024	410,647	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	16.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	25.9%		2023	28.6
	2024	29.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	119,681		2023	1.6%
	2024	133,541	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	4.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under-6 child population	2020	27.0%		2023	3.5
	2024	31.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2015-2019	24.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2014-2018	6.1
	2020-2024	23.5%		2019-2023	6.0
Children in married-parent families	2015-2019	66.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	26.1
	2020-2024	66.5%		2019-2023	28.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	15.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	18.9%		2019-2023	21.4
	2024	16.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2014-2018	53.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	14.8%		2019-2023	59.2
	2024	14.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2014-2018	61.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2015-2019	26.3%		2019-2023	60.4%
	2020-2024	26.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2015-2019	26.3%		2018-2022	16.3
	2020-2024	29.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2013-2017	97.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	30.2%		2018-2022	121.4
	2024	27.9%	Uninsured children	2018	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2015-2019	\$72,033		2022	5.2%
	2020-2024	\$91,795	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.4%
Adult unemployment*	2020	6.1%		2023	91.2%
	2023	3.1%			
Child homelessness	2020	3.8%			
	2024	2.6%			

*There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026. An update to MKC data tools will be announced upon release.

St. Charles County

County Seat: St. Charles

Population: 423,726

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

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St. Charles County

County Seat: St. Charles

Population: 423,726

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).		

St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

Population: 992,929

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

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St. Louis County

County Seat: Clayton

Population: 992,929

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).		

St. Louis City

Population: 279,695

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

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St. Louis City

Population: 279,695

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).		

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