Missouri Race/Ethnicity Profile

Contextual Indicators

Economic Well-being		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Two or more races
Children under 18 in poverty	2017	37.6%	14.3%	22.0%	13.5%	23.1%
	2021	41.1%	18.0%	31.0%	12.8%	25.8%
Food insecurity for children [b]	2016	No data available by race/ethnicity				
	2020	No data available by race/ethnicity				

Health		Black/ African American	White	All Others
Low birthweight infants [a]	2012-2016	14.4%	7.1%	8.2%
	2017-2021	15.7%	7.4%	9.3%
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [a]	2016	12.6	6.1	7.3
	2020	8.1	3.8	4.5
Child asthma ER visits (per 1,000) [b]	2016	33.3	3.7	7.3
	2020	12.7	1.6	2.7

Family & Community		Black/ African American	White	All Others
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) [a]	2017	35.4	19.1	28.1
	2021	26.3	14.6	24.0
Substantiated child abuse/ neglect cases (per 1,000) [a]	2017	3.8	3.2	1.7
	2021	3.2	2.6	3.0

Education		Black/ African American	White	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	Native American
High school graduation rate	2017	83.6%	93.4%	88.0%	94.7%	90.2%
	2021	81.7%	92.9%	87.2%	95.8%	87.8%
Achievement proficiency [b, c] 3rd grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2017	—	—	—	—	—
	2021	15.4%	48.8%	15.4%	51.7%	36.3%
8th grade English/ language arts (MAP)	2017	—	—	—	—	—
	2021	23.7%	50.7%	38.7%	62.5%	41.7%
4th grade math (MAP)	2017	—	—	—	—	—
	2021	9.8%	44.1%	26.3%	53.6%	31.2%
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	2017	—	—	—	—	—
	2021	8.5%	32.5%	20.2%	41.9%	25.9%

[a] For this indicator, Hispanics/Latinos are not considered a separate race and may belong to all race groups shown.
[b] For this indicator, Hispanics/Latinos are treated as a separate racial/ethnic group and are not included in the other categories.
[c] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021.