

Missouri State Profile

Population: 6,168,187

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2017	2021	2017	2021	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	249,829	222,992	18.5%	16.5%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^b	241,830	211,500	17.4%	15.4%	↑
Health					
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	30,810	31,342	8.2%	8.8%	↓
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b, c}	9,823	6,876	7.1	5.0	↑
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	11,118	4,964	8.0	3.6	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4,300	3,304	22.5	17.0	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	4,529	4,206	3.3	3.0	↑
Education					
High school graduation	59,046	58,710	91.0%	90.8%	↓
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}					
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	25,814	—	41.4%	
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	30,425	—	44.9%	
4th grade math (MAP)	—	22,947	—	36.8%	
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	15,647	—	26.8%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	6,113,532
	2021	6,168,187
Child population under 18	2017	1,382,971
	2021	1,384,557
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.6%
	2021	22.5%
Child population under 6	2017	449,401
	2021	435,790
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.4%
	2021	7.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	349,168
	2021	391,803
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	25.2%
	2021	28.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	118,509
	2021	129,021
Minority child population under 6 as % of under-6 child population ^a	2017	26.4%
	2021	29.6%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	32.9%
	2017-2021	24.2%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.2%
	2017-2021	66.7%
Economic Well-being		
Children in poverty under 6	2017	20.0%
	2021	15.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	17.2%
	2017-2021	15.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	26.8%
	2017-2021	26.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	35.0%
	2017-2021	30.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	32.6%
	2021	28.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$ 62,613
	2017-2021	\$ 77,490
Adult unemployment	2017	3.8%
	2021	4.4%
Child homelessness	2017	3.7%
	2021	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	104.2
	2022	91.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	18.4%
	2022	19.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8%
	2021	93.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	47.5
	2017-2021	56.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.1%
	2017-2021	13.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	27.1
	2021	18.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.0%
	2021	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.0
	2021	5.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.4
	2017-2021	6.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	22.9
	2017-2021	27.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	17.7
	2017-2021	20.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	48.4
	2017-2021	55.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2012-2016	58.2%
	2017-2021	62.1%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.2
	2016-2020	27.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	97.8
	2016-2020	124.0
Uninsured children	2016	4.8%
	2020	6.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
	2021	92.4%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.