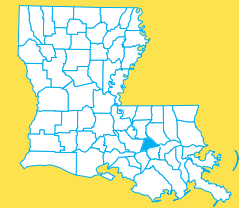


Ascension



Opportunities for Growth

- Only 7% of low-income infants and toddlers in Ascension Parish had a publicly funded seat in an early care and education program in 2021, compared to 11% statewide.
- Births to Ascension Parish women who received early and adequate prenatal care worsened from 77.6% in 2011 to 75.2% in 2021.

Areas of Strength

- Ascension Parish had the lowest child poverty rate and highest median income of any parish in 2021.
- Ascension Parish's 2021 teen birth rate, at 14.6 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19, was 40% lower than the statewide average.
- In 2021, 60% of fourth graders in Ascension Parish public schools scored at Mastery or above in English Language Arts (ELA).

Population

Total: 126,500
Children ages 0-17: 34,543

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 78 (0.2%)
Asian*: 443 (1.3%)
Black*: 9,074 (26.3%)
Hispanic: 3,722 (10.8%)
White*: 19,424 (56.2%)
Two or more races*: 1,658 (4.8%)
Another race not listed here*: 144 (0.4%)

*Non-Hispanic

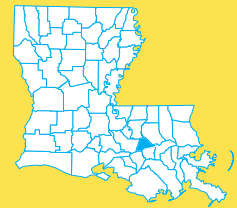
	Louisiana		Ascension		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	19%	15%	1st
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	36%	42%	5th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$62,000	\$75,000	1st
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	72%	79%	3rd
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.1%	3.0%	6th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	18.4%	19.5%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	33.8%	30.9%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	1.5%	1.7%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	77.6%	75.2%	28th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.4%	9.8%	18th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	7.5	5.6	8th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	97%	2nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	13,566	17,458	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	78%	78%	17th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	5%	9%	35th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	0.6%	1st

More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

I.n.e. – low number events are not reported

n.a. – data was not available

S – estimates are suppressed when unreliable or the coefficient of variation is greater than 30%.



	Louisiana		Ascension		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
EDUCATION					
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	97%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	7%	33rd
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	57%	46th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$11,768	\$13,332	22nd
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	20,163	24,041	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	1.7%	3.5%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	10%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	28%	60%	4th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	20%	33%	10th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	84%	90%	27th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20.5	19.7	3rd
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	6%	6%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	3.5	3.2	
in custody	2.5	1.7	0.3	0.3	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	3.2	2.8	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	7.2	3.4	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	14.2	14.8	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	9.2	1.4	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	5.9	1.4	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	4.7	1.8	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	4.1	0.9	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	343	338	
valid	36%	31%	45%	27%	
invalid	59%	62%	52%	70%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	4.1	4.2	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	66	40	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	49	56	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	39.5	14.6	5th