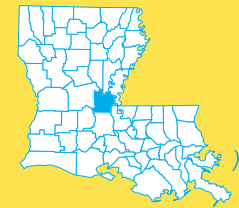


Avoyelles



Opportunities for Growth

- Avoyelles' child poverty rate (45%) was 18 percentage points higher than the statewide average in 2021.
- Avoyelles Parish's teen birth rate, 35.5 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19, was 45% higher than the statewide average (24.5 per 1,000) in 2021.
- Avoyelles Parish's infant mortality rate increased between 2008-2012 and 2017-21, rising from 4.7 to 6.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 88.7% of Avoyelles births were to mothers who received early and adequate prenatal care, the 4th-highest rate in the state.
- Avoyelles Parish made enormous gains in its graduation rate, improving from just 55% in 2010 to >95% in 2021.
- Avoyelles increased the immunization rate for two-year-olds by 12 percentage points between 2014 and 2021.

Population

Total: 39,693
Children ages 0-17: 9,115

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 101 (1.1%)
Asian*: 24 (0.3%)
Black*: 2,881 (31.6%)
Hispanic: 228 (2.5%)
White*: 5,269 (57.8%)
Two or more races*: 573 (6.3%)
Another race not listed here*: 39 (0.4%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Avoyelles		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	30%	45%	60th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	50%	59%	47th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$39,000	52nd
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	65%	76%	5th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	8.3%	4.2%	44th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	1.3%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	44.6%	45.4%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	60.6%	50.7%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	5.2%	5.9%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	81.8%	88.7%	4th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	10.7%	11.8%	34th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	4.7	6.9	20th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	8,318	7,880	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	69%	81%	3rd
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	12%	14%	18th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	4.1%	27th

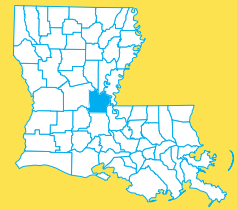
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

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	Louisiana		Avoyelles		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
EDUCATION					
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	87%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	14%	11th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	81%	15th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$9,768	\$9,904	63rd
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	6,838	5,849	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.3%	0.4%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	8%	10%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	15%	44%	21st
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	7%	19%	35th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	55%	>95%	1st
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	18.9	17.2	40th
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	12%	14%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	17	12.7	
in custody	2.5	1.7	2.8	2.2	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	14.2	10.3	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	6.8	10.7	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	12.4	29.8	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	9.1	7.0	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	5.1	6.8	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	6.8	8.2	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	2.7	6.8	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	155	175	
valid	36%	31%	31%	41%	
invalid	59%	62%	65%	54%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	5.7	10.9	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	19	53	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	23	38	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	65.2	35.5	47th