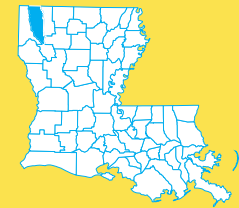


# Bossier



## Opportunities for Growth

- The percentage of low birthweight babies in Bossier Parish worsened by 1.5 percentage points between 2010 and 2021, rising from 9.9% to 11.4%.
- Births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care fell by 4.5 percentage points, from 83.7% in 2011 to 79.2% in 2021.
- Just 9% of low-income infants and toddlers in Bossier had a publicly funded early care and education seat.

## Areas of Strength

- The teen birth rate in Bossier Parish improved by 42% between 2010 and 2021, falling from 43.9 to 25.6 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.
- In 2021, 44% of fourth graders in Bossier Parish public schools scored at or above mastery in English Language Arts (ELA), compared to 41% statewide.
- An estimated 96% of Bossier Parish children had health insurance in 2020.

## Population

**Total:** 128,746  
**Children ages 0-17:** 32,870

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 117 (0.4%)  
**Asian\*:** 495 (1.5%)  
**Black\*:** 8,651 (26.3%)  
**Hispanic:** 3,618 (11.0%)  
**White\*:** 17,380 (52.9%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 2,388 (7.3%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 221 (0.7%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Bossier		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	22%	20%	8th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	43%	49%	17th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$49,000	\$61,000	9th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	64%	60%	43rd
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	5.7%	3.0%	6th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	23.8%	23.9%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	35.5%	30.5%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	2.9%	2.0%	

<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	83.7%	79.2%	15th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.9%	11.4%	33rd
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	5.4	7.2	23rd
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	14,147	18,640	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	69%	73%	37th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	8%	13%	20th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	3.1%	19th

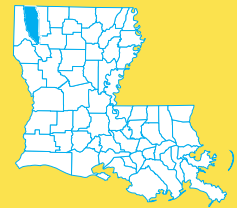
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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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EDUCATION	Louisiana		Bossier		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	74%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	9%	29th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	62%	40th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$10,799	\$12,852	26th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	20,904	22,745	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	2.8%	4.1%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	14%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	27%	44%	21st
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	9%	20%	33rd
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	80%	92%	20th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20.2	19.1	4th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	11%	6%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	17.9	11.9	
in custody	2.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	15.7	9.7	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	9.1	5.6	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	16.1	17.0	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	10.3	4.9	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	8.2	4.1	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	6.7	2.7	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	5.5	2.3	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	1,706	1,323	
valid	36%	31%	34%	27%	
invalid	59%	62%	58%	64%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	3.8	3.4	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	67	55	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	67	66	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	43.9	25.6	24th

Child investigation data and confirmed child victim data for Bossier Parish includes data for Bossier & Caddo because investigation data is reported by the case worker's office location, and some offices serve multiple parishes.