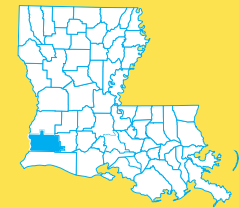


# Calcasieu



## Opportunities for Growth

- Only 49% of low-income children ages 3-4 in Calcasieu Parish had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021. Calcasieu Parish ranked 53rd out of 64 parishes on this measure.
- The percentage of births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care (35.8%) was less than half the state average in 2021.
- Only 62% of children were fully immunized by age two in 2021.

## Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 47% of 4th graders in Calcasieu public schools scored at Mastery or above in English Language Arts, which was six percentage points better than the statewide average.
- In 2021, 92% of public high school students graduated on time, which was eight percentage points higher than the statewide average.
- The child poverty rate (24%) was lower than the state average in 2021.

## Population

**Total:** 216,785  
**Children ages 0-17:** 53,619

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 242 (0.5%)  
**Asian\*:** 889 (1.7%)  
**Black\*:** 15,355 (28.6%)  
**Hispanic:** 3,814 (7.1%)  
**White\*:** 30,033 (56.0%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 2,991 (5.6%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 295 (0.6%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Calcasieu		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	24%	24%	16th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	43%	48%	15th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$41,000	\$58,000	16th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	64%	59%	44th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.2%	3.5%	19th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	30.9%	26.1%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	43.0%	24.1%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	4.3%	1.9%	

<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	79.8%	35.8%	63rd
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	10.0%	10.3%	25th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	8.4	7.6	27th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	95%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	30,901	34,095	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	64%	62%	58th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	16%	5%	50th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	9.0%	42nd

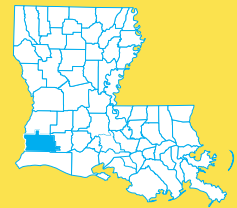
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 157. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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		Calcasieu		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	89%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	11%	24th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	49%	53rd
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$10,960	\$13,282	24th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	33,465	30,247	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.7%	2.8%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	15%	16%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	26%	47%	14th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	11%	19%	35th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	77%	92%	21st
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20.3	18.1	18th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	9%	13%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	S	S	
in custody	2.5	1.7	S	S	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	S	S	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	15.3	6.1	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	23.7	14.6	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	19.6	5.6	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	14.6	4.7	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	12.0	3.5	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	9.4	3.6	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	1,465	773	
valid	36%	31%	34%	30%	
invalid	59%	62%	62%	60%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	11.2	6.1	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	233	110	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	238	113	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	46.6	24.8	22nd

S- OJJ probation and parole data was suppressed for parishes with separate juvenile probation and parole systems.

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