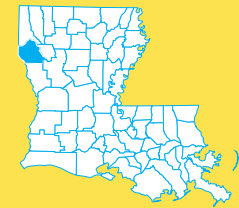


# De Soto



## Opportunities for Growth

- In 2021, 55% of De Soto Parish residents lived below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold.
- De Soto Parish's infant mortality rate was 27% higher than the statewide average (7.7) in the 2017-2021 period.
- Only 6% of infants and toddlers from low-income families in De Soto Parish had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.

## Areas of Strength

- De Soto's cohort graduation rate (95%) was 11 percentage points higher than the state average in 2021.
- In 2021, 81.7% of De Soto births were to mothers who received early and adequate prenatal care, which was 6.7 percentage points above the state average.
- The immunization rate among two-year-olds improved from 72% in 2014 to 78% in 2021.

## Population

**Total:** 26,812  
**Children ages 0-17:** 6,372

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 58 (0.9%)  
**Asian\*:** 26 (0.4%)  
**Black\*:** 2,325 (36.5%)  
**Hispanic:** 267 (4.2%)  
**White\*:** 3,320 (52.1%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 340 (5.3%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 36 (0.6%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		De Soto		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	31%	26%	21st
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	52%	55%	32nd
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$37,000	\$48,000	27th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	75%	62%	38th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	8.2%	3.8%	29th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	35.8%	34.7%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	51.8%	38.0%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	4.0%	1.3%	
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	83.5%	81.7%	11th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	13.8%	12.1%	37th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	10.7	9.8	47th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	93%	95%	42nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	4,431	4,823	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	72%	78%	17th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	7%	22%	3rd
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	1.5%	4th

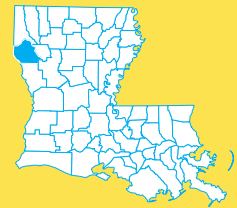
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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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<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	88%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	6%	39th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	77%	20th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$20,266	\$17,047	7th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	4,975	4,970	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	1.1%	0.8%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	10%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	10%	45%	20th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	9%	25%	21st
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	81%	95%	14th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18th

<b>FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY</b>					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	12%	11%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	16.1	11.5	
in custody	2.5	1.7	3.6	2.8	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	12.5	8.5	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	15.3	6.5	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	23.8	16.3	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	23.1	5.7	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	16.5	5.6	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	8.3	5.6	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	7.9	3.1	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	273	176	
valid	36%	31%	43%	31%	
invalid	59%	62%	55%	66%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	12.4	6.5	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	33	14	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	30	10	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	57.2	20.8	12th

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