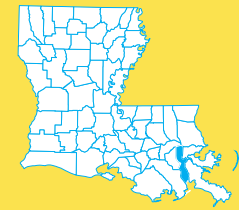


# Jefferson



## Opportunities for Growth

- Births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care decreased by 6.2 percentage points between 2011 and 2021, from 80.2 to 74%.
- The percentage of 8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math fell from 11% in 2010 to 8% in 2021.
- In 2021, 78% of Jefferson Parish public high school students graduated on time, compared to 83.5% statewide.

## Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 79% of two-year-olds in Jefferson Parish were fully immunized, a rate that earned the parish 11th place among 64 parishes.
- Jefferson Parish's infant mortality rate, at 5.9 deaths per 1,000 children under the age of one, was 23% lower than the statewide average during the 2017-2021 time period.
- Jefferson Parish's teen birth rate fell by 48% between 2010 and 2021.

## Population

**Total:** 440,781  
**Children ages 0-17:** 96,127

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 275 (0.3%)  
**Asian\*:** 3,956 (4.1%)  
**Black\*:** 29,578 (30.8%)  
**Hispanic:** 23,573 (24.5%)  
**White\*:** 33,073 (34.4%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 4,883 (5.1%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 789 (0.8%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Jefferson		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	25%	25%	19th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	43%	44%	9th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$47,000	\$56,000	17th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	71%	68%	27th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	6.9%	3.6%	25th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	24.5%	30.3%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	51.1%	38.9%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	3.9%	3.1%	
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	80.2%	74.0%	40th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.5%	9.7%	16th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	7.1	5.9	10th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	93%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	62,976	70,764	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	71%	79%	11th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	15%	17%	9th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	2.6%	11th

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		Jefferson		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	91%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	12%	20th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	48%	55th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$13,432	\$12,363	35th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	45,585	48,638	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	8.1%	19.1%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	12%	12%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	19%	31%	45th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	11%	8%	55th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	62%	78%	57th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	18.5	18	23rd

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	11%	10%	
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	7.1	5.0	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	10.8	12.7	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	7.9	4.0	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	6.7	3.9	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	5.3	3.3	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	5.5	2.8	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	1,409	1,599	
valid	36%	31%	39%	28%	
invalid	59%	62%	56%	63%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	4.4	2.3	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	222	101	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	244	142	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	41.5	21.7	14th

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 Jefferson Parish includes data for Jefferson & Plaquemines & St. Bernard because investigation data is reported by the case worker's office location, and some offices serve multiple parishes.