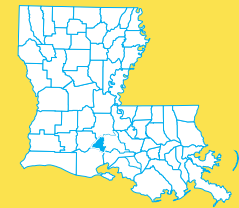


Lafayette



Opportunities for Growth

- 54% of Lafayette Parish's low-income children ages 3-4 had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021, which was four percentage points below the state average.
- Only 3% of Lafayette children ages 0-6 were screened for lead poisoning in 2017, compared to 15% statewide.
- Lafayette Parish 2021 graduation rate (84%) was ranked 46th among 64 parishes.

Areas of Strength

- Lafayette Parish ranked 2nd in terms of the percentage of births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care in 2021.
- The child poverty rate in Lafayette Parish (26%) was one percentage point below the state average in 2021.
- In 2021, 53% of 4th graders scored at or above Mastery in English Language Arts, which was 12 percentage points above the statewide average.

Population

Total: 241,753
Children ages 0-17: 57,878

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 174 (0.3%)
Asian*: 1,188 (2.1%)
Black*: 17,083 (29.5%)
Hispanic: 5,154 (8.9%)
White*: 30,805 (53.2%)
Two or more races*: 3,134 (5.4%)
Another race not listed here*: 340 (0.6%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Lafayette		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	22%	26%	21st
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	37%	43%	7th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$48,000	\$59,000	12th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	74%	73%	14th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	5.8%	3.2%	8th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	25.4%	30.0%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	40.2%	32.9%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	4.5%	4.3%	

HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	91.3%	89.4%	2nd
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.5%	9.4%	15th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	6.1	6.2	12th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	28,202	37,559	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	75%	77%	22nd
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	7%	3%	57th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	2.4%	9th

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		Lafayette		Rank
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EDUCATION					
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	96%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	18%	4th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	54%	49th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$11,601	\$12,479	30th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	30,446	35,107	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	2.4%	5.5%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	10%	8%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	27%	53%	8th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	15%	34%	9th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	71%	84%	46th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20.6	18.5	12th
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	7%	6%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	10.6	7.3	
in custody	2.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	9.2	5.7	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	4.8	6.3	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	11.2	18.7	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	5.3	4.7	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	3.5	4.8	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	3.0	3.6	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	2.3	2.4	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	502	803	
valid	36%	31%	35%	32%	
invalid	59%	62%	62%	64%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	8.5	5.7	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	118	154	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	190	120	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	36	24.8	22nd