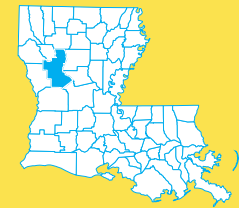


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Opportunities for Growth

- Births to mothers who received early and adequate prenatal care fell by 12.3 percentage points between 2011 and 2021, from 73.5% to 61.2%.
- The infant mortality rate in Natchitoches was 48% higher than the statewide average in 2017-2021.
- In 2017-2021, 83% of Natchitoches children lived in households with a computer and broadband, compared to 90% of children statewide.

Areas of Strength

- The immunization rate for two-year-olds in Natchitoches Parish increased between 2014 and 2021, from 74% to 77%.
- Natchitoches Parish's cohort graduation rate increased by 27 percentage points between 2010 and 2021, from 57% to 84%.
- An estimated 96% of children in Natchitoches Parish were covered by health insurance in 2020.

Population

Total: 37,515
Children ages 0-17: 8,166

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 50 (0.6%)
Asian*: 18 (0.2%)
Black*: 3,969 (48.6%)
Hispanic: 350 (4.3%)
White*: 3,283 (40.2%)
Two or more races*: 446 (5.5%)
Another race not listed here*: 50 (0.6%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Natchitoches		
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	34%	28%	32nd
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	54%	66%	58th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$32,000	\$43,000	41st
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	61%	66%	31st
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	8.2%	3.9%	33rd
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	1.9%	0.6%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	47.4%	39.8%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	53.6%	44.1%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	11.6%	6.5%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	73.5%	61.2%	61st
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.4%	13.5%	46th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	7.3	11.4	52nd
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	7,312	6,815	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	74%	77%	22nd
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	18%	10%	30th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	7.2%	40th

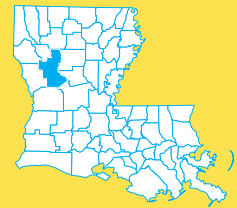
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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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EDUCATION	Louisiana		Natchitoches		
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	83%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	16%	7th
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	\$10,879	\$11,034	55th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	6,858	5,235	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.2%	1.0%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	12%	11%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	18%	31%	45th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	9%	33%	10th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	57%	84%	47th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	18.8	17.2	40th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	12%	10%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	8.6	10.1	
in custody	2.5	1.7	0.8	0.6	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	7.7	9.4	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	6.3	6.2	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	8.3	23.0	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	10.3	4.5	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	6.0	2.7	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	3.1	3.4	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	4.6	2.5	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	189	172	
valid	36%	31%	23%	26%	
invalid	59%	62%	74%	72%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	7.3	5.2	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	41	19	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	18	26	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	37	22.7	16th

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