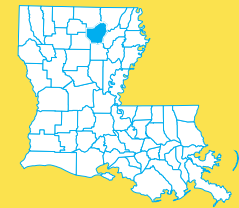


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Opportunities for Growth

- Child poverty in Ouachita Parish, at 31% in 2021, was four percentage points above the statewide average.
- Births to Ouachita Parish women who received early and adequate prenatal care fell from 81.3% to 68.8% between 2011 and 2021.
- Only 60% of Ouachita children ages 3-4 from low-income families had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.

Areas of Strength

- Ouachita Parish's teen birth rate decreased by 47% between 2010 and 2021, from 57.4 to 30.4 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.
- In 2021, 88% of public high school students graduated on time with their peers, an improvement of 21 percentage points since 2010.
- An estimated 97% of children in Ouachita Parish were covered by health insurance in 2020.

Population

Total: 160,368
Children ages 0-17: 40,168

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 87 (0.2%)
Asian*: 443 (1.1%)
Black*: 17,770 (44.2%)
Hispanic: 1,712 (4.3%)
White*: 18,160 (45.2%)
Two or more races*: 1,848 (4.6%)
Another race not listed here*: 148 (0.4%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Ouachita		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	28%	31%	39th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	51%	52%	21st
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$38,000	\$48,000	27th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	71%	66%	31st
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.7%	3.6%	25th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	1.5%	0.5%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	41.5%	38.7%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	53.3%	38.8%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	5.6%	3.7%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	81.3%	68.8%	54th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.9%	14.5%	50th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	9.8	11.7	54th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	93%	97%	2nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	28,505	30,047	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	66%	63%	57th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	14%	3%	57th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	19.8%	45th

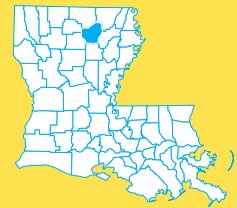
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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		Ouachita		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	86%	
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.	60%	41st
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$11,430	\$12,438	31st
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	29,153	26,577	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.6%	1.4%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	13%	14%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	31%	44%	21st
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	10%	15%	45th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	67%	88%	35th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	19.7	18.2	16th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY	Louisiana		Ouachita		Rank
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	10%	9%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	10.1	9.3	
in custody	2.5	1.7	1.8	1.3	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	8.3	7.9	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	14.3	9.1	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	21.5	30.1	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	14.7	7.2	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	15.0	7.1	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	12.7	4.3	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	9.5	1.8	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	940	760	
valid	36%	31%	41%	31%	
invalid	59%	62%	56%	63%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	8.9	9.7	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	203	129	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	166	169	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	57.4	30.4	37th

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