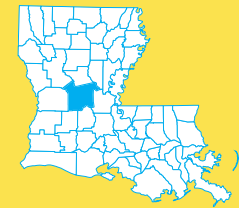


Rapides



Opportunities for Growth

- Rapides ranked 44th in terms of low-income children ages 3-4 with access to a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.
- Despite improvements since 2010, Rapides' 2021 teen birth rate was 14% higher than the state average.
- The percentage of Rapides babies born at low birthweight rose from 9.4% in 2010 to 12.1% in 2021.

Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 78% of Rapides Parish children were fully immunized by age two, which was 4 percentage points above the state average.
- Births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care improved from 81.9% in 2011 to 90.9% in 2021.
- In 2021, 18% of low-income children ages 0-2 had a publicly funded ECE seat, which was seven percentage points above the statewide average.

Population

Total: 130,023
Children ages 0-17: 31,231

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 226 (0.7%)
Asian*: 367 (1.2%)
Black*: 11,253 (36.0%)
Hispanic: 1,648 (5.3%)
White*: 15,730 (50.4%)
Two or more races*: 1,835 (5.9%)
Another race not listed here*: 172 (0.6%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Rapides		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	29%	28%	32nd
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	47%	55%	32nd
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$47,000	30th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	63%	73%	14th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.0%	3.2%	8th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.9%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	35.0%	35.0%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	51.9%	37.5%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	7.1%	5.2%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	81.9%	90.9%	1st
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.4%	12.1%	37th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	7.5	6.2	12th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	95%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	23,559	24,193	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	71%	78%	17th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	10%	4%	53rd
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	8.9%	41st

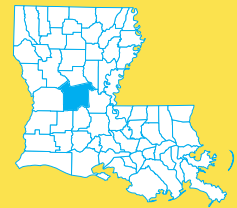
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

Rapides



EDUCATION	Louisiana		Rapides		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	93%	
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.	59%	44th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$10,246	\$11,339	50th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	24,221	21,954	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	1.9%	2.1%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	13%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	23%	46%	19th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	7%	22%	30th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	74%	87%	38th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20	18.1	18th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	10%	8%	
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	14.0	9.3	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	23.4	29.9	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	15.7	6.7	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	12.3	6.1	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	11.5	6.3	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	10.5	3.2	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	978	771	
valid	36%	31%	37%	31%	
invalid	59%	62%	57%	66%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	11.1	11	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	164	112	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	161	159	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	50	28	34th

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