2023 KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK ON LOUISIANA'S CHILDREN

St. Bernard

Opportunities for Growth

- St. Bernard's child poverty rate (31%) was four percentage points higher than the state average in 2021.
- The low birthweight rate in St. Bernard increased by 3.6 percentage points between 2010 and 2021. Only four parishes saw a larger increase.
- In 2021, 49% of low-income children ages 3-4 had a publicly funded early care and education seat, which was 9 points below the statewide rate (58%).

Areas of Strength

- An estimated 96% of children in St. Bernard Parish were covered by health insurance in 2020.
- The percentage of St. Bernard children who were fully immunized by age two rose by four percentage points between 2014 and 2021.
- The teen birth rate in St. Bernard parish decreased by 56% between 2010 and 2021, from 60.9 to 26.9 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.



Population

Total: 43,764

Children ages 0-17: 11,989

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 50 (0.4%)

Asian*: 237 (2.0%) Black*: 3,845 (32.1%) **Hispanic:** 1,982 (16.5%) White*: 5,074 (42.3%)

Two or more races*: 690 (5.8%) Another race not listed here*:

111 (0.9%) *Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana Recelling Date Latent Date		St. Bernard Baseline Data Latest Data Rank		
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
Child poverty	27%	27%	29%	31%	39th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	53%	53%	23rd
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$39,000	\$47,000	30th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	52%	70%	26th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.5%	4.0%	36th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	30.2%	38.3%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	46.2%	35.9%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	3.5%	2.5%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	77.6%	75.8%	25th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	8.4%	12.0%	35th
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000	8.4	7.7	5	7.2	23rd
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	91%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	6,714	9,690	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	72%	76%	27th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	11%	3%	57th

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%.

Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)

3.4%

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EDUCATION						
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	7%	33rd	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a	49%	53rd	
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$14,147	\$11,706	46th	
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	5,960	7,947		
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.7%	9.4%		
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	12%		
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	27%	48%	12th	
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	8%	24%	23rd	
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	74%	91%	23rd	
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	19.7	17.5	34th	
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY						
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	7%	14%		
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody rate per 1,000	9.8	7.7	2.3	6.5		
in custody	2.5	1.7	0.8	1.1		
under supervision	7.4	5.8	1.6	5.3		
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 rate per 1,000	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 rate per 1,000	7.0	5.4	10.8	5.3		
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	48	27		
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	38	40		
Teen birth rate rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19	48.0	24.5	60.9	26.9	26th	

Child investigation data and confirmed child victim data for St. Bernard 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.