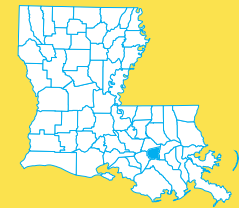


St. James



Opportunities for Growth

- The percentage of St. James babies born at low birthweight increased from 13.5% in 2010 to 15.3% in 2021.
- Only 4% of low-income infants and toddlers had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.
- An estimated 9% of children ages 0-6 were screened for lead poisoning in St. James Parish in 2017, compared to 15% statewide.

Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 80% of St. James children were fully immunized by age two, which was six percentage points higher than the state average.
- Over 95% of low-income 3 and 4 year-olds had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.
- The teen birth rate in St. James Parish decreased by 30% between 2010 and 2021.

Population

Total: 20,192
Children ages 0-17: 4,687

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 7 (0.1%)
Asian*: 10 (0.2%)
Black*: 2,324 (49.6%)
Hispanic: 106 (2.3%)
White*: 2,080 (44.4%)
Two or more races*: 156 (3.3%)
Another race not listed here*: 4 (0.1%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		St. James		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	24%	23%	13th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	39%	50%	18th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$46,000	\$60,000	10th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	77%	87%	1st
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	11.6%	4.6%	54th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	1.2%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	33.2%	36.6%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	51.9%	34.9%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	3.9%	1.8%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	78.1%	77.6%	21st
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	13.5%	15.3%	54th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	8.6	6.5	19th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	3,456	3,228	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	76%	80%	8th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	12%	9%	35th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	3.0%	17th

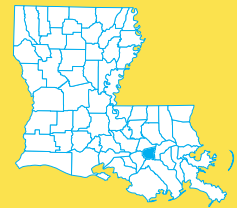
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

St. James



	Louisiana		St. James		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
EDUCATION					
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	95%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	4%	44th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	>95%	1st
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$14,610	\$24,356	1st
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	3,914	3,451	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.8%	0.3%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	12%	14%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	20%	42%	28th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	10%	21%	31st
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	74%	91%	24th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	19.4	18.4	13th
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	18%	16%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	6.4	4.1	
in custody	2.5	1.7	<i>l.n.e.</i>	<i>l.n.e.</i>	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	6	3.7	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	7.1	4.1	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	16.4	11.5	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	8.9	5.2	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	6.0	2.6	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	4.3	2.6	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	3.6	1.5	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	356	311	
valid	36%	31%	41%	25%	
invalid	59%	62%	56%	69%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	4.6	1.1	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	12	<i>l.n.e.</i>	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	17	<i>l.n.e.</i>	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	31.8	22.4	15th

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