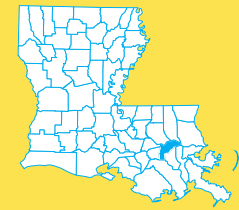


# St. John the Baptist



## Opportunities for Growth

- The percentage of babies in St. John Parish born at low birthweight increased by 3.5 percentage points, from 10.8% in 2011 to 14.3% in 2021.
- The average ACT score among seniors in St. John fell to 16 in 2022, 2.1 points below the state average.
- Only 7% of low-income infants and toddlers had a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.

## Areas of Strength

- In 2021, 81% of St. John children were fully immunized by age two, which was seven percentage points higher than the state average.
- The teen birth rate in St. John declined by 50% between 2010 and 2021, from 48.5 to 24.4 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.
- An estimated 97% of children in St. John Parish were covered by health insurance in 2020.

## Population

**Total:** 42,477  
**Children ages 0-17:** 9,974

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 25 (0.3%)  
**Asian\*:** 36 (0.4%)  
**Black\*:** 6,292 (63.1%)  
**Hispanic:** 1,081 (10.8%)  
**White\*:** 2,060 (20.7%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 427 (4.3%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 53 (0.5%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		St. John the Baptist		
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	29%	27%	25th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	47%	44%	9th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$46,000	\$59,000	12th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	78%	74%	10th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	10.1%	5.0%	58th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	35.2%	40.0%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	58.4%	40.4%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	6.2%	3.8%	
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	76.6%	74.5%	35th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	10.8%	14.3%	49th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	10.4	9	42nd
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	97%	2nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	8,818	8,453	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	78%	81%	3rd
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	14%	4%	53rd
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	l.n.e.	

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

l.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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	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
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.	7%	33rd
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	52%	52nd
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$15,101	\$16,389	10th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	6,274	4,927	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	1.7%	6.1%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	13%	12%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	25%	23%	54th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	10%	11%	49th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	60%	63%	63rd
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	17.4	16	55th
<b>FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY</b>					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	15%	18%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	3.7	3.3	
in custody	2.5	1.7	0.6	0.4	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	3.2	2.9	
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	6.4	2.4	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	40	13	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	33	14	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	48.5	24.4	19th

Child investigation data and confirmed child victim data for St. John the Baptist 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.