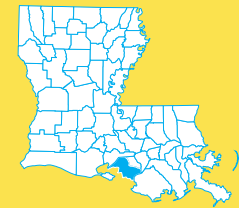


St. Mary



Opportunities for Growth

- 32% of children in St. Mary Parish lived below the poverty line in 2021, which was five percentage points higher than the statewide average.
- Only 3% of low-income infants and toddlers in St. Mary Parish had access to a publicly funded early care and education seat in 2021.
- The teen birth rate in St. Mary Parish was 68% higher than the statewide average in 2021.

Areas of Strength

- The 2017-2021 infant mortality rate in St. Mary Parish was 6.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, ranking the parish 12th on this measure.
- In 2020, 95% of St. Mary Parish children were covered by health insurance.
- Births to women who received early and adequate prenatal care improved from 78.2% in 2010 to 79.8% in 2021.

Population

Total: 49,406
Children ages 0-17: 11,885

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 259 (2.2%)
Asian*: 134 (1.1%)
Black*: 3,898 (32.8%)
Hispanic: 1,570 (13.2%)
White*: 5,119 (43.1%)
Two or more races*: 828 (7.0%)
Another race not listed here*: 77 (0.6%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		St. Mary		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	32%	32%	41st
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	42%	61%	51st
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$43,000	41st
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	58%	55%	49th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	9.5%	4.3%	49th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	39.4%	44.1%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	50.9%	55.2%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	3.3%	0.6%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	78.2%	79.8%	14th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.0%	9.0%	9th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	12th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	95%	42nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	10,536	10,104	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	67%	65%	53rd
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.	4.1%	27th

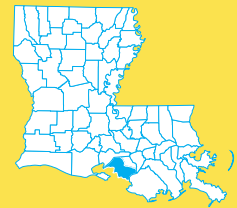
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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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	Louisiana		St. Mary		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
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.	3%	46th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	73%	25th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$11,638	\$11,706	45th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	9,932	8,296	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	3.2%	6.2%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	14%	16%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	26%	48%	12th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	8%	14%	47th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	70%	94%	15th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	19.3	17	44th
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	11%	14%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	16.2	10.6	
in custody	2.5	1.7	3.7	3.3	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	12.5	7.1	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	5.5	5.7	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	11.3	18.6	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	5.3	3.9	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	3.3	2.5	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	3.9	I.n.e.	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	5.4	4.5	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	186	178	
valid	36%	31%	35%	31%	
invalid	59%	62%	58%	68%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	4.2	3.9	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	25	18	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	34	12	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	50.1	41.1	55th