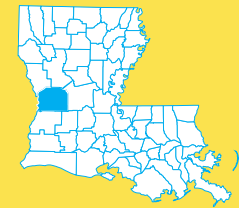


Vernon



Opportunities for Growth

- Births to Vernon Parish women who had early and adequate prenatal care fell by 9.1 percentage points between 2011 and 2021, from 83.5% to 74.4%.
- In 2021, 55% of Vernon Parish children were fully immunized by age two, which was 19 percentage points lower than the state average (74%).
- Vernon Parish's teen birth rate, at 39.4 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19, was ranked 51st in the state in 2021.

Areas of Strength

- Vernon Parish's child poverty rate (20%) was seven percentage points lower than the state average in 2021.
- In 2021, 55% of 4th graders in public schools scored at or above Mastery in English Language Arts, ranking the parish fifth on this measure.
- In 2021, 76% of 3-4 year olds had a publicly funded seat in an early learning program, compared to 58% statewide.

Population

Total: 48,750
Children ages 0-17: 12,489

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 107 (0.9%)
Asian*: 132 (1.1%)
Black*: 1,704 (13.6%)
Hispanic: 1,435 (11.5%)
White*: 7,777 (62.3%)
Two or more races*: 1,156 (9.3%)
Another race not listed here*: 178 (1.4%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Vernon		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	21%	20%	8th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	36%	55%	32nd
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$44,000	\$51,000	22nd
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	47%	40%	59th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	7.3%	4.0%	36th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	20.3%	23.7%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	52.9%	36.3%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	1.5%	0.3%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	83.5%	74.4%	36th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	9.1%	9.7%	16th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	7.9	7.7	30th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	95%	42nd
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	6,400	6,722	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	56%	55%	61st
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	4%	12%	24th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	l.n.e.	

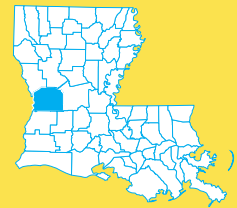
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

Vernon



	Louisiana		Vernon		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.	9%	29th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	76%	22nd
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$10,404	\$11,071	54th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	10,026	8,069	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.7%	1.3%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	13%	13%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	30%	55%	5th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	15%	29%	18th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	80%	>95%	1st
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	20.6	18.8	8th
FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	6%	10%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	6.9	10.1	
in custody	2.5	1.7	1.5	0.8	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	5.4	9.2	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	10.8	5.6	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	15.8	10.5	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	12.5	5.6	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	10.5	3.1	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	4.1	6.3	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	9.5	4.2	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	365	245	
valid	36%	31%	29%	22%	
invalid	59%	62%	67%	73%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	6.5	3.9	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	44	19	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	53	17	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	80.2	39.4	51st