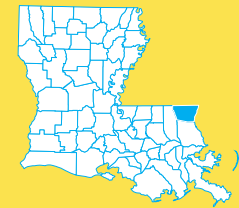


# Washington



## Opportunities for Growth

- Over a third (35%) of children in Washington Parish lived below the poverty line in 2021, compared to 27% of children statewide.
- The percentage of two-year-olds who are fully immunized in Washington Parish decreased from 74% in 2014 to 72% in 2021.
- The average ACT score for seniors in public schools (16.1) in 2022 was two points below the state average.

## Areas of Strength

- An estimated 96% of Washington children had health insurance in 2020.
- The percentage of Washington Parish babies with low birthweight improved by 1.1 percentage points between 2010 and 2021.
- In 2021, 13% of low-income infants and toddlers had a publicly funded seat in an early care and education program, ranking the parish 14th on this measure.

## Population

**Total:** 45,463  
**Children ages 0-17:** 10,512

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 21 (0.2%)  
**Asian\*:** 39 (0.4%)  
**Black\*:** 3,332 (31.7%)  
**Hispanic:** 509 (4.8%)  
**White\*:** 6,070 (57.7%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 500 (4.8%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 41 (0.4%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Washington		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	37%	35%	49th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	58%	60%	49th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$31,000	\$39,000	52nd
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	70%	73%	14th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	9.9%	4.2%	44th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	1.2%	0.4%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	42.9%	43.1%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	77.4%	62.2%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	3.5%	3.0%	

<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	78.0%	75.8%	25th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.6%	10.5%	26th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	12.7	8	32nd
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	9,035	9,571	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	74%	72%	40th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	11%	21%	4th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	3.2%	21st

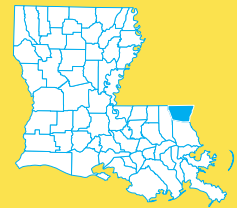
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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		Washington		
	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.	87%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	13%	14th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	35%	64th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$12,253	\$11,734	44th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	7,622	6,724	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	1.1%	1.6%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	17%	18%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	15%	36%	36th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	6%	17%	39th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	74%	85%	45th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	17.8	16.1	52nd
<b>FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY</b>					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	17%	10%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	19.2	12.1	
in custody	2.5	1.7	3.2	0.9	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	16	11	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	19.8	14.3	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	43.8	46.4	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	27.2	13.6	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	13.3	10.3	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	12.5	8.4	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	11.5	4.0	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	321	238	
valid	36%	31%	43%	39%	
invalid	59%	62%	54%	57%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	30.1	14.4	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	145	64	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	159	51	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	55.7	31.6	38th