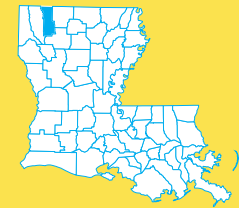


Webster



Opportunities for Growth

- Webster's child poverty rate (34%) was seven percentage points higher than the statewide average in 2021.
- Only 69% of Webster children lived in homes with broadband access and a computer, 21 percentage points lower than the statewide average.
- Webster's infant mortality rate increased by 54% between 2008-2012 and 2017-2021, from 8.7 to 13.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Areas of Strength

- Webster's immunization rate among children two-year-olds improved by six percentage points between 2014 and 2021, from 68% to 74%.
- In 2020, 96% of Webster Parish children had health insurance.
- In 2021, 69% of Webster Parish's low-income preschoolers had access to a publicly funded early care and education seat, a rate that was 11 points higher than the state average.

Population

Total: 36,967
Children ages 0-17: 8,214

Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

American Indian*: 12 (0.1%)
Asian*: 28 (0.3%)
Black*: 2,959 (36.0%)
Hispanic: 254 (3.1%)
White*: 4,531 (55.2%)
Two or more races*: 399 (4.9%)
Another race not listed here*: 31 (0.4%)

*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Webster		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Child poverty	27%	27%	32%	34%	44th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	44%	66%	58th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$36,000	\$41,000	46th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	67%	44%	57th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	8.2%	4.1%	39th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	39.8%	40.3%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	61.0%	55.6%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	4.1%	1.8%	
HEALTH					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	81.0%	78.9%	16th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.4%	14.2%	48th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	8.7	13.4	55th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	7,002	7,000	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	68%	74%	34th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	14%	12%	24th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	4.3%	30th

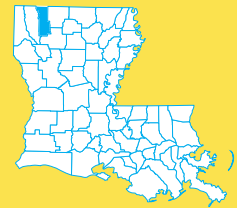
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit datacenter.aecf.org for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

Webster



EDUCATION	Louisiana		Webster		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	69%	
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.	69%	30th
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$10,946	\$12,237	36th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	7,094	5,308	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.0%	0.9%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	11%	15%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	15%	19%	57th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	3%	18%	38th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	66%	90%	32nd
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	18.7	16.9	45th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	13%	13%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	17.4	15.7	
in custody	2.5	1.7	3.6	2.6	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	13.8	13.2	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	11.3	4.8	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	20.4	20.0	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	11.7	I.n.e.	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	9.4	2.7	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	9.1	1.6	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	8.5	2.3	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	376	288	
valid	36%	31%	40%	24%	
invalid	59%	62%	57%	70%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	9.7	4.5	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	33	11	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	48	17	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	57.5	27.7	32nd

Child investigation data and confirmed child victim data for Webster Parish includes data for Webster & Bienville & Claiborne & Jackson because investigation data is reported by the case worker's office location, and some offices serve multiple parishes.