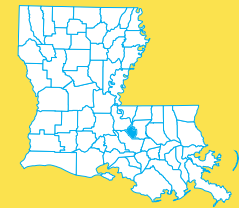


# West Baton Rouge



## Opportunities for Growth

- The percentage of low birthweight babies in West Baton Rouge nearly doubled between 2010 and 2021, rising from 7% to 13%.
- 81% of West Baton Rouge children lived in homes with broadband access and a computer, nine percentage points below the statewide average.
- The average ACT score among seniors fell by one point between 2010 and 2022, from 19.4 to 18.4.

## Areas of Strength

- West Baton Rouge's child poverty rate in 2021 (21%) was six percentage points below the statewide average.
- In 2021, 77% of children in West Baton Rouge Parish were fully immunized by age two, ranking the parish 22nd on this measure.
- The teen birth rate in West Baton Rouge fell by more than 50% between 2010 and 2021, from 42.5 to 18.7 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.

## Population

**Total:** 27,199  
**Children ages 0-17:** 6,673

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 16 (0.2%)  
**Asian\*:** 42 (0.6%)  
**Black\*:** 2,815 (42.2%)  
**Hispanic:** 373 (5.6%)  
**White\*:** 3,093 (46.4%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 309 (4.6%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 25 (0.4%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		West Baton Rouge		
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	22%	21%	11th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	46%	39%	2nd
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$47,000	\$67,000	7th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	73%	74%	10th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	8.1%	3.3%	13th
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	31.0%	28.6%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	43.1%	47.0%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	6.5%	3.0%	

<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	72.8%	76.0%	24th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	7.0%	13.0%	44th
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	5.4	8.3	35th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	94%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	3,328	4,403	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	71%	77%	22nd
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	8%	9%	35th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	l.n.e.	

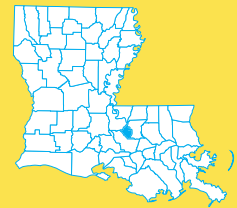
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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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EDUCATION	Louisiana		West Baton Rouge		
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Rank
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	81%	
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 0-2)	n.a.	11%	n.a.	12%	20th
Low-income children in a publicly funded ECE seat (ages 3-4)	n.a.	58%	n.a.	75%	23rd
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$12,878	\$17,197	6th
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	3,829	4,214	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.5%	3.7%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	10%	11%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	15%	49%	10th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	9%	30%	15th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	70%	86%	40th
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	19.4	18.4	13th

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	11%	13%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	10.7	5.7	
in custody	2.5	1.7	5	1	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	5.7	4.7	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	7.9	6.0	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	18.3	20.5	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	11.8	2.7	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	5.5	3.1	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	4.9	4.2	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	2.4	2.8	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	192	196	
valid	36%	31%	38%	35%	
invalid	59%	62%	58%	58%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	5.3	3.2	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	10	14	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	15	I.n.e.	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	42.5	18.7	7th

Child investigation data and confirmed child victim data for West Baton Rouge Parish includes data for Iberville & West Baton Rouge because investigation data is reported by the case worker's office location, and some offices serve multiple parishes.