

**MISSOURI PROFILE**  
STATE CAPITAL: JEFFERSON CITY

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**NOTE:**

Free and reduced lunch and high school dropout data may not match data displayed on the Web site of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). While DESE posts data as it appears in the database on a particular date, data published in the *KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book* may reflect subsequent revisions by school districts.

OUTCOME MEASURES	Years	Number Base Year	Number Current Year	Rate Base Year	Rate Current Year	Trend	National Rank*
Students enrolled in free/reduced price lunch	2003/2007	342,587	364,980	39.2%	41.7%	X	n/a
Births to mothers without high school diploma	2003/2007	14,277	14,942	18.6%	18.2%	√	n/a
Low birth weight infants	1998/2002 and 2003/2007	29,354	32,037	7.8%	8.1%	X	23
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1998/2002 and 2003/2007	2,900	2,982	7.7	7.5	√	35
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	1998/2002 and 2003/2007	1,361	1,225	24.8	22.8	√	22
Child abuse and neglect (per 1,000)	2003/2007	66,214	46,453	47.0	32.6	√	n/a
Out-of-home placements (per 1,000)	2003/2007	6,707	5,362	4.8	3.8	√	n/a
Annual high school dropouts	2003/2007	8,913	10,540	3.4%	3.7%	X	15
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	2003/2007	8,656	9,232	43.1	45.7	X	30
Violent teen deaths, ages 15-19 (per 100,000)	1998/2002 and 2003/2007	1,444	1,348	70.3	65.1	√	38

\* National rank information is based on the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2008 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*. National ranks are based on 2005 or 2006 data.

DEMOGRAPHIC	Base Year	Base Year Data	Current Year	Current Year Data
Child population	2003	1,407,342	2007	1,424,830
Children as percent of total population	2003	24.7%	2007	24.2%
Minority children	2003	21.6%	2007	22.2%
Children with limited English proficiency	2004	14,855	2007	18,971

FAMILY SUPPORT	Base Year	Base Year Data	Current Year	Current Year Data
Parents paying child support in state system	2003	51.1%	2007	55.2%
Children receiving subsidized child care	2003	43,287	2007	39,596
Licensed child care capacity	2003	136,647	2008	148,239
Accredited child care facilities	2003	407	2008	473
Children receiving cash assistance	2003	5.6%	2007	4.7%
Children receiving food stamps	2003	28.1%	2007	31.0%

ECONOMIC	Base Year	Base Year Data	Current Year	Current Year Data
Children in poverty	1990	17.7%	2000	15.3%
Children under age 6 in poverty	1990	20.2%	2000	17.7%
Children in single parent families	1990	19.5%	2000	24.3%
Average annual wage/salary	2003	\$33,257	2006	\$36,643
Adult unemployment	2003	5.6%	2007	5.0%

HEALTH	Base Year	Base Year Data	Current Year	Current Year Data
Children enrolled in Medicaid	2003	523,435; 37.2%	2007	472,387; 33.2%
Children with elevated blood lead levels	2003	4.4%	2007	1.5%
Children receiving public SED mental health services	2003	41,176	2005	45,449
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2003	59.8	2006	58.6