

LOUISIANA

OVERALL SCORE 313 BETTER	OVERALL RANK 48
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	246 STABLE	50

	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 LA 264,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	27% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 LA 354,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	33% 2019	33% 2024	STABLE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 LA 315,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	29% 2019	30% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 LA 22,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	9% 2019	9% 2024	STABLE

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	349 BETTER	35

	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 LA 60,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	49% 2015-19	51% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. LA N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	74% 2019	68% 2024	↓ BETTER
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. LA N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	77% 2019	79% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. LA N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	20% 2018-19	17% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA		SCORE	RANK
						376 WORSE	49
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 LA 6,194	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	10.8% 2019	11.6% 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 LA 46,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	4% 2019	4% 2024	STABLE	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 LA 440	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	36 2019	39 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. LA N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	35% 2018-19	35% 2023-24	STABLE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA		SCORE	RANK
						282 BETTER	48
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 LA 444,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	47% 2019	45% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 LA 111,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	10% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 LA 211,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	19% 2015-19	20% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 LA 3,244	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	28 2019	21 2024	↓ BETTER	

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