

Measures from Census ACS

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Geography: Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish

The 2016-2020 ACS 5-year unweighted sample count of Caddo Parish is 13,066 (5.5%), and of Bossier Parish is 6,274 (4.9%).

The American Community Survey (ACS) helps local officials, community leaders, and businesses understand the changes taking place in their communities. It is the premier source for detailed population and housing information about our nation.

- Conducted every month, every year
- Sent to a sample of addresses (about 3.5 million) in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
- Asks about topics not on the 2020 Census, such as education, employment, internet access, and transportation
- Provides current information to communities every year. It also provides local and national leaders with the information they need for programs, economic development, emergency management, and understanding local issues and conditions.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Technical Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see ACS Technical Documentation). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Measures from Louisiana Department of Education

Louisiana Believes Data Center by Louisiana Department of Education

<https://louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/data-center>

Geography: Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish

Grade 3 ELA less than basic achievement

Data: 2011 to 2021 LEAP Achievement Level Summary files

Kindergarteners below reading benchmark

Data: 2011 to 2021 Fall Reading Report files

From Fall 2021 Reading Report Executive Summary:

Students' scores at each grade level are reported as either "On or Above Benchmark" or "Below Benchmark." Students who scored "Below Benchmark" are considered "at risk" for reading difficulties according to authors of the assessments.

Acadience Reading, Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS 8th), System to Enhance Educational Progress (STEEP), and Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress (STEP) are a set of standardized, individually-administered measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through third grade. These are brief fluency measures designed to regularly monitor the development of early reading skills. The critical skills necessary for successful beginning reading include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The four benchmarking assessment measures assess students on four of these five critical skills directly—all of the critical skills listed above other than vocabulary, which is measured indirectly through comprehension. The assessments provide teachers with information about student reading and how well the student is progressing on a particular early reading skill.

The results are reported based on a student's level of skill attainment towards the benchmark goals. These empirically-derived benchmark goals are criterion-referenced target scores that represent adequate reading progress. They are based on research that examines the predictive validity of a score when compared to later measures and external assessments. Consequently, attainment of a benchmark goal indicates a student is likely to achieve the next benchmark goal and other important reading outcomes. Students who score below benchmark are determined to be at risk of remaining and falling further behind in literacy and school without being provided interventions of various degrees.

Number of children enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs in public schools

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: Number of children enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs in public schools. This count includes children enrolled in special education, as well as children enrolled in general education programs.

Data Source: Louisiana Department of Education, Planning, Analysis & Information Resources Division

Footnotes: Louisiana operates several different preschool programs through the public school system, including LA4 and programs funded through 8(g) grants and Title I funds. Some parishes also offer Head Start programs in public schools.

For parish-level data, data for Recovery School District schools, charter schools, lab schools and city districts are reflected in the parish-level data of the parish in which the school is located. Data for Louisiana School for the Deaf and Louisiana Special Education Center are not included in parish-level data, but are reflected in the statewide totals.

Data reflect October total enrollment counts.

Center-based child care costs as a percentage of median income

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: For all data prior to 2020, the median cost for child care in a Type III (or, prior to 2017, a Class A center) as a percentage of the parish's median income. Beginning in 2020, data is reported as the average cost for child care in a Type III center as a percentage of the parish's median income.

Data Source: Child Care Costs - Agenda for Children's analysis of data from the "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2005," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2007," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2009," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2010," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2012," and "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2014," which are produced by Care Solutions, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services; the 2017 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey was produced by the LSU Public Policy Research Lab and is available through the Louisiana Department of Education's web site; the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey was produced by Emergent Method and is available through the Louisiana Department of Education's web site.

Median Household Income Data - U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch, Washington D.C.

Footnotes: Because parish-level data is not available, the child care costs for each DCFS region was used as the denominator for all years except 2017. For the 2017 survey, data is reported according to each parish's zone (urban versus nonurban), which was the smallest geography made publicly available.

Cost of child care in a Type III/Class A child care center (infant & 3-year-old)

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: For data prior to 2020, the median annual cost of child care in a Type III (or, for years prior to 2017, Class A) child care center. Beginning in 2020, data is reported as the average cost of child care in a Type III child care center.

Data Source: Agenda for Children's analysis of data from the "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2005," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2007," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2009," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2010," "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2012," and "Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey 2014," which were produced by Care Solutions, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. The full reports for 2005-2014 are available from the Care Solution's web site. The 2017 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey was produced by the LSU Public Policy Research Lab and is available through the Louisiana Department of Education's web site. The 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey was produced by Emergent Method and is available through the Louisiana Department of Education's web site.

Footnotes: Because data is not available at the parish level, this data reflects the median cost of child care in that parish's DCFS region for the 2005-2014 and 2020 data. The parish's zone (urban versus non-urban) was used for the 2017 data, as that is the smallest geography that was made publicly available. The annual cost was determined by multiplying the median weekly weekday rate by 52 to provide an estimate of the cost of full-time, year-round care. Note that the median cost is that point at which half of the child care centers in that region are more expensive, and half are less expensive.

Combined total capacity of licensed child care centers per 100 children 0 to 4 years old

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: The combined total capacity of licensed early learning centers. Capacity reflects the total number of children that can be legally cared for in a particular center.

Data Source: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing, Baton Rouge, LA and Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge, LA, rates based on population data provided by Puzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2021). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2020." Online. Available: <https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Footnotes: Capacity is determined by a facility's physical characteristics and size. Because many centers do not operate at full capacity for various reasons (including quality, staffing difficulties, low demand, etc.), the actual number of children served in licensed settings is likely to be lower than the maximum capacity.

Note that June 2020 data reflects the capacity of open centers, and does not include the capacity of sites that have temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

Rates are calculated as the licensed capacity per 100 children ages 0-4 in each parish.

Licensed early learning centers, percent Type III and number

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: Number of licensed early learning centers (also known as day care centers) by license type.

Data Source: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing, Baton Rouge, LA and Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge, LA

Footnotes: The Louisiana Department of Education licenses early learning centers in Louisiana. Licensed facilities must meet minimum standards regarding health and safety, program activities, staff training, environment, and child/staff ratios. Some programs serving young children are exempt from the Louisiana DOE licensing regulations and are thus excluded from this count. Exempt facilities include: private or public day schools serving children in grades one and above or operating kindergartens or prekindergarten programs, as well as certified Montessori schools, camps, and some part-day programs.

In Louisiana, centers can receive a Type I, Type II or Type III license. Requirements vary for each type of licensing. Only Type III centers are eligible to receive most sources of government funding for early learning centers (e.g., the Child Care Assistance Program, Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, Nonpublic Schools Early Childhood Development funds and Preschool Expansion Grant funding). Type III centers are required to participate in Louisiana's accountability system for early childhood education programs.

Louisiana's licensing regulations can be found in Bulletin 137.

Children served by the child care assistance program per 100 children 0 to 12 years old

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: Number - the average number of children who were served by the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) in a state fiscal year (July 1-June 30) or calendar year. Note that waitlist data is reported according to the number of children on the waitlist in August of a given year,

Percent - the average number of children who were served by, or on the waitlist for, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) in a state fiscal year per 100 children ages 0-12.

Data Source: Child Care Assistance Data: 2015 and earlier: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Family Support, Quality Assurance Division. 2016-2021: Louisiana Department of Education

Population Data: 2000-2009: Puzzanchera, C., Finnegan, T. and Kang, W. "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations," extracted from <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/> 2010: U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2010, Summary File 1, extracted from American Fact Finder, 2011-2020: Puzzanchera, C., Finnegan, T. and Kang, W. "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations," extracted from <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Footnotes: CCAP helps low- and moderate-income families by subsidizing a portion of eligible working families' child care costs. The program serves children under age 13, as well as disabled children under age 18.

Because CCAP data was reported by fiscal year prior to 2016, the population data used to calculate the percentage for those years reflects an average of two calendar years of data.

Children served by the Kinship Care program per 1,000 children

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: Number: Average number of children served by the Kinship Care program in a state fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

Rate: Average number of children served by the Kinship Care program in a state fiscal year (July 1-June 30) per 1,000 children in the population.

Data Source: Kinship Care Data: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Family Support, Quality Assurance Division

Population Data: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Washington D.C. Available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Footnotes: The Kinship Care subsidy provides cash assistance (\$222 a month per child) to relatives who are caring for a related child in their home. In order to qualify for the program, the child must live with the relative full-time and the parents cannot live in the same home as the child. In addition to other requirements, the relative and child must meet the program's income guidelines.

Because Kinship Care data are based on state fiscal year averages, population estimates for two years were averaged to calculate a Kinship Care participation rate per 1,000 children.

Children served by the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP)

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Definitions: Number - the average number of children served by the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) in a state fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

Percent - the average number of children served by the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) in a state fiscal year (July 1-June 30) per 100 children in the population.

Data Source: FITAP Data: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Family Support, Quality Assurance Division.

Population Data: 2001-2019: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Washington D.C. Available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Footnotes: FITAP provides cash assistance to families with children when the financial resources of the family are insufficient to meet subsistence needs. The average family in the program consists of a mother and two children. The average grant in Louisiana is \$222 per month.

Because FITAP data are based on state fiscal year averages, population estimates for two years were averaged to calculate a FITAP participation rate per 100 children.

Infant mortality by Race & Hispanic Origin (5 year average) in Caddo-Bossier

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Number - the average annual number of deaths among children under one year of age during the reporting period.

Rate - number of deaths among children under one year of age per 1,000 live births during the reporting period.

Data Source: Live births and deaths 2006-2020: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

Note that numbers represent an average of data over a five-year period, which allows for data to be reported for more parishes.

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Children confirmed to have been victims of abuse or neglect by age group in Caddo-Bossier

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Number - the unduplicated number of children confirmed to have been victims of child abuse or neglect during a calendar year.

Rate - the unduplicated number of children confirmed to have been victims of child abuse or neglect per 1,000 children in that age group.

Child victim data - Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, by special request.

Population data - Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2021). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2020." Online. Available: <https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Child welfare data is reported according to the location of the DCFS office through which the case is handled. Some parishes do not have a DCFS office that handles child welfare cases, and children in those parishes are served by offices in the nearest parish. Geographies reported here reflect instances in which one parish office serves children in multiple parishes (e.g. Jefferson Parish's offices also serve children in Plaquemines and St. Bernard).

2019-2020 data does not include any investigations considered to be ongoing, and are therefore subject to future revision and increases. We therefore encourage users to interpret data for these years as the minimum number of confirmed victims and to use caution in interpreting apparent decreases.

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Children who were victims of abuse or neglect by type of abuse in Caddo-Bossier

Kids Count Data Center by Annie E. Casey Foundation

Number - the unduplicated number of children who were victims of child abuse or neglect during a calendar year, by type of abuse.

Rate - the number of children who were victims of child abuse or neglect per 1,000 children ages 0-17 in the population.

In addition to the three categories reported here (neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse), the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services also reports child abuse and neglect data for children for several additional categories, including maltreatment, life-threatening injuries and death. Because of the small number of events in most parishes, those data are not reported here.

Child Victim Data - Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, by special request

Population Data - Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Washington D.C. Release Date: June 2021

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Data for 2019 and 2020 data does not include any investigations considered to be ongoing. Note that previous years' data have been updated as more investigations were finalized.

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