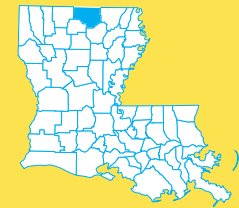


# Morehouse



## Opportunities for Growth

- Morehouse Parish's child poverty rate (43%) was 16 percentage points above the statewide average in 2021.
- The percentage of low birthweight babies in Morehouse Parish increased by 6.3 percentage points between 2010 and 2021, from 11.6% to 17.9%.
- Fewer than 5% of eighth graders in Morehouse Parish scored at or above Mastery in math in 2021.

## Areas of Strength

- In 2020, an estimated 96% of children in Morehouse Parish had health insurance.
- The percentage of 4th graders in Morehouse Parish who scored at or above Mastery in English Language Arts doubled from 10% in 2010 to 20% in 2021.
- Morehouse Parish's teen birth rate in fell by 50% between 2010 and 2021.

## Population

**Total:** 25,629  
**Children ages 0-17:** 5,567

## Child Population by Race & Ethnicity

**American Indian\*:** 23 (0.4%)  
**Asian\*:** 15 (0.3%)  
**Black\*:** 3,013 (54.1%)  
**Hispanic:** 89 (1.6%)  
**White\*:** 2,171 (39.0%)  
**Two or more races\*:** 238 (4.3%)  
**Another race not listed here\*:** 18 (0.3%)

\*Non-Hispanic

	Louisiana		Morehouse		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>					
Child poverty	27%	27%	41%	43%	59th
Population below the ALICE threshold	46%	51%	53%	66%	58th
Median household income	\$43,000	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$37,000	59th
Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force	67%	68%	53%	73%	14th
Unemployment	7.5%	3.7%	14.2%	5.2%	61st
FITAP participation	0.9%	0.3%	3.8%	0.9%	
SNAP participation	33.1%	33.7%	55.5%	47.9%	
WIC participation (children 0-5)	48.9%	37.9%	64.0%	51.5%	
CCAP participation (children 0-12)	4.7%	2.8%	10.8%	2.8%	
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Early & adequate prenatal care	79.7%	75%	68.3%	75.4%	27th
Low birthweight babies	10.8%	11.4%	11.6%	17.9%	61st
Infant Mortality <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.4	7.7	8.1	13.6	56th
Children with health insurance	94%	96%	93%	96%	8th
Children insured by Medicaid or LaCHIP	724,614	783,707	6,174	5,358	
Children who have completed the 7-vaccine series by age 2	73%	74%	70%	70%	44th
Children screened for lead poisoning (children 0-6)	13%	15%	27%	16%	13th
Percent of screened children who had lead poisoning (children 0-6)	n.a.	3.4%	n.a.	4.1%	27th

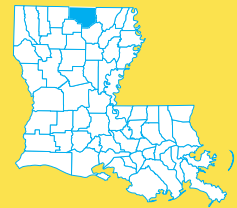
More information about data sources, definitions and timeframes is available in the Definitions and Sources section on page 155. Visit [datacenter.aecf.org](http://datacenter.aecf.org) for additional data, including numbers of events and data disaggregated by race.

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%.

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EDUCATION	Louisiana		Morehouse		Rank
	Baseline Data	Latest Data	Baseline Data	Latest Data	
Children living in homes with a computer and broadband	n.a.	90%	n.a.	76%	
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.	60%	41st
Per-pupil spending in public schools	\$12,083	\$12,818	\$11,983	\$13,584	21st
Public school enrollment (PK-12)	702,480	685,606	4,575	3,190	
English language learners	1.8%	4.7%	0.4%	0.8%	
Children with disabilities	12%	13%	16%	16%	
4th graders scoring at Mastery or above in English Language Arts	23%	41%	10%	20%	56th
8th graders scoring at Mastery or above in math	10%	21%	3%	<5%	59th
High school students graduating on time	67%	84%	55%	81%	52nd
Average ACT scores for seniors	20.1	18.1	17.9	16.1	52nd

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SAFETY					
Children living in a grandparent-headed household	11%	10.6%	20%	18%	
Children under OJJ supervision or in custody <i>rate per 1,000</i>	9.8	7.7	14.9	9.6	
in custody	2.5	1.7	5.8	2.2	
under supervision	7.4	5.8	9.1	7.4	
Victims of child abuse/neglect: ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	8.9	6.6	10.2	6.5	
ages 0-2	16	20.1	20.1	30.5	
ages 3-5	10	5.1	11.6	l.n.e.	
ages 6-10	7.8	4.5	6.4	3.6	
ages 11-13	6.5	4	8.0	l.n.e.	
ages 14-17	5.8	2.8	8.4	l.n.e.	
Child abuse/neglect investigations	18,378	16,656	131	152	
valid	36%	31%	44%	25%	
invalid	59%	62%	54%	64%	
Children in foster care ages 0-17 <i>rate per 1,000</i>	7.0	5.4	7.3	7.7	
Foster care entries	3,676	2,384	34	18	
Foster care exits	3,651	2,620	24	18	
Teen birth rate <i>rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	48.0	24.5	65.5	32.7	39th

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