## Child Data Snapshot

**Louisa County**

### Demographic summary
- **Total population**: 11,238
- **Under 18**: 2,608 (23.2%)
- **Under 6**: 753 (6.7%)

### Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity
- **African American**: 12 (0.5%)
- **Asian**: 160 (6.1%)
- **Native American**: 0 (0.0%)
- **White, non-Hispanic**: 1,834 (70.3%)
- **Other**: 61 (2.3%)
- **Multiple**: 30 (1.2%)
- **Hispanic (any race)**: 586 (25.5%)

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### TABLE: FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

- **3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (**2013-17 average**)**: 76 (40.4%) +11.6%
- **Fourth graders proficient in reading (**2003**)**: 95 (57.9%) -21.9%
- **Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (**2003**)**: 104 (59.8%) +5.4%
- **High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)**: 158 (85.9%) +8.4%

### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

- **Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)**: 45 (17.6) +356.5%
- **Single-parent families (**2013-17 average**)**: 372 (26.4%) +11.0%
- **Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)**: 8 (2.5%) -27.9%
- **Live births that are to unmarried teens**: 6 (4.6%) 7.3%

### HEALTHY CHILDREN

- **Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (**2007**)**: 108 (84.4%) +25.0%
- **Infant Mortality (per 1,000)**: * * *
- **Child deaths (per 100,000)**: * * *
- **Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)**: 10 (7.6%) -21.8
- **Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (**2013-17 average**)**: 120 (4.3%) N/A

### USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS

- **Children 0-4 receiving WIC (**2003**)**: 89 (13.1%) -63.2%
- **Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches**: 1,068 (47.8%) +36.8%
- **Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (**2016**)**: 850 (16.9%) +25.9%
- **Individuals receiving Food Assistance**: 1,007 (9.0%) +101.3%
- **Individuals participating in Family Investment Program**: 70 (0.6%) -72.5%

### Note:
- Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.

To download data or view data snapshots for other Iowa counties, visit [www.cfpciowa.org](http://www.cfpciowa.org) and click on “Kids Count Data.”
About the Kids Count indicators

**FAMILY/CMM ECON WELL-BEING**

**Child poverty**
- Children 0-17 who lived below poverty during the year — Iowa Department of Public Health
- Children growing up in poverty (defined here as $23,850 for a family of four) are much more likely than peers to experience stress and deprivation that hinders development and readiness for school and life.

**Unemployment**
- Individuals 16 and over in the labor force but unemployed — Iowa Workforce Development
- High levels of unemployment in a community make it difficult for families to move up the economic ladder. It also contributes to family stress when a parent struggles to find work.

**SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS**

8th grade math
- Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment — Iowa Department of Education
- Proficiency in math by the end of middle school prepares students for higher-order math classes they will need to succeed in high school as well as the basic skills needed for adult life.

High school graduation
- Public school students entering 9th grade who graduate with their class 4 years later — Iowa Department of Education
- A high school diploma is the baseline credential needed for higher education, most kinds of job training and many jobs. Adults without one are much more likely to struggle economically.

**STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES**

Single-parent families
- Families with children that are headed by a single parent — U.S. Census Bureau
- Children in single-parent families typically do not have the same economic or human resources available in two-parent families. They are more likely to drop out of school and experience divorce in adulthood.

Child abuse & neglect
- Confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect among children 0-17 — Iowa Dept. of Human Services
- Experiencing abuse or neglect is one of the adverse childhood experiences that hinders healthy development — physical, mental and cognitive — and can affect well-being far into adulthood.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN**

Infant mortality
- Deaths of infants before age 1 per 1,000 children — Iowa Department of Public Health
- In addition to being a child outcome, data on infant mortality is used as a proxy for population health. The many factors that shape population health also shape infant mortality rates.

Child deaths
- Deaths of children ages 1-14 per 100,000 children — Iowa Department of Public Health
- Child death rates can point to underlying problems and inequities within a community, such as the safety of neighborhoods, access to health care or exposure to environmental toxins.

Uninsured children
- Children 0-18 who are uninsured during the year — U.S. Census Bureau
- Health coverage is the key that opens the door to the health-care system. Insured children are more likely to get timely medical care, including well-child visits, that contributes to overall health.

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS**

Free or Reduced-Price Lunch
- Students eligible for free or low-cost meals while at school — Iowa Department of Education
- This federally funded program provides meals to students. Available to families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level, it is a commonly used proxy for poverty.

Food Assistance
- Monthly average of individuals receiving Food Assistance — Iowa Dept. of Human Services
- The Food Assistance Program (known nationally as SNAP) provides financial assistance that low-income Iowans, including many children and working adults, can use to buy groceries.

Family Investment Program
- Monthly average of individuals participating in FIP — Iowa Dept. of Human Services
- Iowa’s version of the federal TANF program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families for up to 60 months. It serves a small and shrinking share of the population.

Earned Income Tax Credit
- Individual tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit — Internal Revenue Service
- The EITC is recognized across the political spectrum as a successful anti-poverty program that ensures that people who work are able to provide for their families.

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