

LINC Commission Meeting

April 15, 2019



(above) Students in the LINC program at Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy.



Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Located at 3400 Paseo in midtown Kansas City, Missouri, the K-8 public charter school is primarily housed in the 24-classroom educational wing of the Victorious Life Church. LINC has provided before- and after-school service since the charter's inception.



Local Investment Commission (LINC) Vision

Our Shared Vision

A caring community that builds on its strengths to provide meaningful opportunities for children, families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, attain their highest potential, and contribute to the public good.

Our Mission

To provide leadership and influence to engage the Kansas City Community in creating the best service delivery system to support and strengthen children, families and individuals, holding that system accountable, and changing public attitudes towards the system.

Our Guiding Principles

1. **COMPREHENSIVENESS:** Provide ready access to a full array of effective services.
2. **PREVENTION:** Emphasize “front-end” services that enhance development and prevent problems, rather than “back-end” crisis intervention.
3. **OUTCOMES:** Measure system performance by improved outcomes for children and families, not simply by the number and kind of services delivered.
4. **INTENSITY:** Offering services to the needed degree and in the appropriate time.
5. **PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT:** Use the needs, concerns, and opinions of individuals who use the service delivery system to drive improvements in the operation of the system.
6. **NEIGHBORHOODS:** Decentralize services to the places where people live, wherever appropriate, and utilize services to strengthen neighborhood capacity.
7. **FLEXIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS:** Create a delivery system, including programs and reimbursement mechanisms, that are sufficiently flexible and adaptable to respond to the full spectrum of child, family and individual needs.
8. **COLLABORATION:** Connect public, private and community resources to create an integrated service delivery system.
9. **STRONG FAMILIES:** Work to strengthen families, especially the capacity of parents to support and nurture the development of their children.
10. **RESPECT AND DIGNITY:** Treat families, and the staff who work with them, in a respectful and dignified manner.
11. **INTERDEPENDENCE/MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Balance the need for individuals to be accountable and responsible with the obligation of community to enhance the welfare of all citizens.
12. **CULTURAL COMPETENCY:** Demonstrate the belief that diversity in the historical, cultural, religious and spiritual values of different groups is a source of great strength.
13. **CREATIVITY:** Encourage and allow participants and staff to think and act innovatively, to take risks, and to learn from their experiences and mistakes.
14. **COMPASSION:** Display an unconditional regard and a caring, non-judgmental attitude toward participants that recognizes their strengths and empowers them to meet their own needs.
15. **HONESTY:** Encourage and allow honesty among all people in the system.



Monday, April 15, 2019 | 4 – 6 pm
Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Rd.
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements
- II. Approvals
 - a. **Approval March 2019 minutes (motion)**
- III. Superintendent Reports
- IV. Tolbert Academy
 - a. 20th Anniversary
- V. LINC Summer
 - a. LINC Summer School
 - b. Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT)
- VI. LINC Staffing Review
 - a. Personnel Report
 - b. 401K Update
- VII. Report Out
 - a. Kids Count Data
 - b. Child Advocacy Day
- VIII. Adjournment



THE LOCAL INVESTMENT COMMISSION – MARCH 18, 2019

The Local Investment Commission met at the Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Mo. Co-chair **Jack Craft** presided. Commissioners attending were:

Sharon Cheers
Aaron Deacon
David Disney
Mark Flaherty
Herb Freeman
SuEllen Fried

Rob Givens
Anita Gorman
Rosemary Lowe
Mary Kay McPhee
David Ross
Bailus Tate

Minutes of the Jan. 28, 2019, LINC Commission meeting were approved.

Superintendent Reports

- **Sharon Nibbelink**, Superintendent (Center School District), reported district voters will vote on a \$48 million no-tax-increase bond issue on April 2. The bond will be used to finance security enhancements, a new elementary school building at Indian Creek, and various school maintenance projects. A video on the proposed bond issue was shown. The district nominated the KCATA for an Impact Award for its work with Center, KCPS, and Hickman Mills to provide free bus passes for all high school students. Eight high school students received Cerner scholarships.
- **Maria Fleming**, Asst. Superintendent (Fort Osage School District), reported the district will partner with Mid Continent Public Library and Community Services League to re-open the former early childhood location as a small library and community resource center. The district robotics team recently competed at the Heartland Regional Tournament and will compete in the Kansa City Regional Tournament.
- **Terry Ward**, Board Member (North Kansas City Schools), reported the North Kansas City High School girls basketball team won their first state championship. He reported there are few bus routes north of the river. Legislation has been introduced in the state Senate to allow the A-Plus program to fund school for dual-enrolled students.
- **Vivan Roper**, Principal (Lee A. Tolbert Academy), reported the school is celebrating its twentieth year; it has had a relationship with LINC since its founding. Tolbert will hold a fundraising celebration on April 13. The school received a Synergy grant to provide trauma-sensitive training for school staff and two therapists to help students deal with trauma.
- **Bob Bartman**, Director (Education Policy Fellowship Program), reported on the visit last week by EPFP fellows to Washington, D.C., for the annual policy seminar. EPFP fellows **Vivian Roper**, **Trent DeVreugd**, **Shelley Taylor-Doran**, and **Brent Schondelmeyer** reported on their impressions of the seminar, which included a congressional simulation, visits to area legislators, and presentations on lawmaking, policy, and civics education.
- **Kevin Foster**, Executive Director (Genesis School), reported Genesis is one of 16 area charter schools to adopt a common application to make it easy for parents to apply for admission online. Genesis is partnering with local providers in an initiative to collect Title I dollars for early childhood education. The annual Kansas City Invitational tennis tournament fundraiser for Genesis will be held on May 18. Genesis is partnering with Connecting for Good and Zion Baptist Church to provide computer access for Genesis families in their homes.

LINC Deputy Director **Brent Schondelmeyer** reported on the proposed elimination of 21st Century Community Learning Centers from the federal budget. 21st CCLC is a major source of funding for LINC's afterschool programs. LINC shared information about the benefits of afterschool programs with area legislators during the recent EPFP policy seminar in Washington, D.C. **Matt Haase**, State Director for U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, reported there is great support for afterschool programs in the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, of which Blunt is Chairman.

Schondelmeyer reported Kansas City Public Schools achieved an Annual Performance Report (APR) score of 82.9% -- sufficient that, if it can be sustained next year, the district will be eligible for reaccreditation. A video of the district's announcement of its achievement was shown.

LINC Caring Communities Administrator **Sean Akridge** reported on the decision by Hickman Mills School District to close two elementary schools and make other changes to school building usage in response to a steep decline in tax revenue. Discussion followed.

Schondelmeyer introduced a video on the Kansas City Public Schools' Breakfast in the Classroom initiative.

Sandy Eeds and **Pat Goodwin** of League of Women Voters reported on the VOTE411.org online tool, which provides users with a sample ballot and candidate information including answers to questions asked by the organization. Discussion followed.

Rob Givens thanked LINC Community Organizer **Lee Bohannon** for speaking about the LINC Chess program recently on the KCUR program Central Standard.

The meeting was adjourned.



Survive and thrive; how KC charter Tolbert Academy made it 20 years

By Joe Robertson

Writer, Local Investment Commission

Anxious. On their knees. In prayer.

Bishop Mark Tolbert knew enough about start-up businesses and Dr. Vivian Roper knew enough about running an urban school to know hard moments would come.

The brother-and-sister team behind Kansas City's [Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy](#) public charter school knew that launching the school 20 years ago meant jumping into water over their heads.

Roper, as superintendent and principal, was a “staff of one” in the summer of 1999, just months before Tolbert Academy would open its doors to some 190 elementary school children.

Mark Tolbert, who calls himself a “serial entrepreneur,” had just as long to make the money work.



Bishop Mark Tolbert

“You put on a smile in public,” Tolbert said, thinking back over their dive into Kansas City’s original wave of charter schools, “then you go into a room and pray real hard.”

Today, as the school prepares this month for a celebratory gala, they know how things turned out for this school they named after their father, Lee A. Tolbert Sr.

Scenes play out like this:

The eighth graders in Jessica Brockman’s math class on demand begin reciting the K-8 school’s pledge.

“I was created to be successful. I can do anything I set my mind to do . . .”

It’s 195 words long. Six paragraphs. And they know every word by heart, as does most, if not all, of the school’s 500 children, even kindergartners.

“Knowledge is power and my greatest weapon . . .”

In the after-school program, which has been run by [Tolbert Academy’s partner, LINC](#), since Year One, fourth-grade girls line up to show recent visitors their “Black Girl Magic” posters celebrating heroes like Michelle Obama and Serena and Venus Williams.



Dr. Vivian Roper

Fifth-grade boys recite from their journals on their writings on Martin Luther King Jr. and Emmett Till.

The school that Tolbert and Roper could only imagine 20 years ago stands now like “an island,” gathering so many children out of a community experiencing more than its share of hunger, stress and trauma, said LINC’s site coordinator, Kelley Harden.

School families, now into a second generation, rely on Tolbert’s

“consistency and longevity,” she said.

None of this seemed rationally possible when a chance encounter in early 1999 over a church member’s child’s suspension in a Kansas City school set off Mark Tolbert’s wild-hair idea.

All he knew then was that he had to do *something*.

“I don’t just talk about problems,” Tolbert said.

Tolbert’s congregation — [Victorious Life Church](#) — has owned the [historic Beth Shalom Synagogue](#) at 34th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive since his father, the former pastor, moved the church there in 1969.

The old building, with its ornate domes and marbled arches and only a small hall of Sunday school classrooms, wasn’t exactly an obvious place for a school either.

The troubled church member lamented that her son had been suspended from school for three days and she did not know what to do with him. Mark Tolbert said bring him to the church and he'd put him to work.

It went so well that Tolbert made a general announcement saying the church would do the same for others. Shockingly, 15 families sent children with suspensions out of several school districts.



Then two things happened at the same time.

One — Tolbert learned of the youths’ “horror stories” of difficulties in their schools.

Two — Missouri legislators had just passed a new law opening the opportunity for public charter schools within the boundaries of the Kansas City School District.

Tolbert summoned his sister — at that time a school principal in New Mexico — and gathered fellow ministers, concerned congregants and parents to a meeting.

He catered in Gates barbecue, he said, and “I locked the door and said we’re not leaving here until we come up with a solution to start a charter school.”

They came up with a plan that would eventually earn them the key sponsorship of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

And when Mark Tolbert came up with the idea to name the school after their father, in honor of their parents’ devotion to education, Roper knew she had to move with her husband back to Kansas City to lead the school.

Tolbert, whose business background ranged from running a Smaks hamburger drive-in restaurant to vaster real estate ventures, marshaled his backers.

Roper scrambled after teachers. They launched the school, but all but three teachers would be let go before the second year, when Roper had time to recruit the staff that would carry the school forward.

The plan was to start with K-3 and grow a grade level at a time, but the demand going into the second year compelled the school to go all the way to K-6 in the second year, with more than 400 children.



They borrowed space in classrooms at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church while Tolbert rushed with investors to build a new wing onto Victorious Life Church for Year Three. They also added the seventh grade. And then the eighth grade in Year Four.

Families looking to continue with Tolbert Academy urged the school to add a high school, which launched in 2007, but shut down four years later because the costs were too high.

Closing the high school was one of the many difficult decisions the school endured as it fought for survival in Kansas City's turbulent charter school waters.

Fifteen charter schools opened in Kansas City the inaugural year, 1999, and Tolbert Academy is one of the nine that have lasted. Other charters have joined the market since then, and others have closed.

The state leaned on the charters' collegiate sponsors to stiffen accountability over the years, and charters came under the same annual performance report that the state used to grade public school districts.

Tolbert Academy often struggled to meet the performance standards as it served a population where more than 95 percent of its students come from families that qualify for free or reduced lunch prices.

“We have a lot of students who experience trauma,” Roper said. “What you hear in the news (acts of violence, pressures of poverty), our children are affected.”

The school has thrived. [In the latest state report card](#), Tolbert Academy earned 91.2 percent of the possible points available, boosted by the growth in performance shown by many of its students.

A lot of success, Roper says, comes from the school’s personal touch. Teachers and staff make home visits to every student’s home before the start of the school year.

Community partnerships strengthen the school. The work of LINC in the before- and after-school programming helps keep the school’s families strong and engaged, she said.

“This is my dad’s legacy,” Roper said.

Children like Brockman’s eighth grade math students carry it forward, believing the affirmations coursing through their pledge.

“ . . . I will use my creativity to create businesses, jobs and other opportunities in my community . . .

“As a student at Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy, I am responsible, prepared and ready to lead.”



Lee A. Tolbert, Sr.



2019 Summer Programs

District	Location	Before & After Summer School
Center	Boone Elementary	June 10-27
Grandview	Meadowmere Elementary	June 10-July 3
Hickman Mills	Ervin Early Learning Center	June 11-28
	Johnson Elementary	
	Santa Fe Elementary	
	Smith-Hale Middle	
Kansas City	Faxon Elementary	June 6-28
	Foreign Language Academy	
	Hale Cook Elementary	
	Holliday Montessori	
	James Elementary	
	King Elementary	
	Phillips Elementary	
	Trailwoods Elementary	
	Banneker Elementary	Year-Round School
N. Kansas City	Topping Elementary	June 3-28
Charter	Tolbert Academy	June 11-July 16

For more information, visit www.kclinc.org/summer



Summer Food

Project Summary 2011 - 2018

As part of its efforts to end child hunger, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) created the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC). The program gives selected families with eligible school-age children money to spend on food for children while school is not in session. LINC is the state of Missouri's local partner for the SEBTC program in the Kansas City area. In 2018, the benefit was \$90 per eligible child.

\$3,380,231

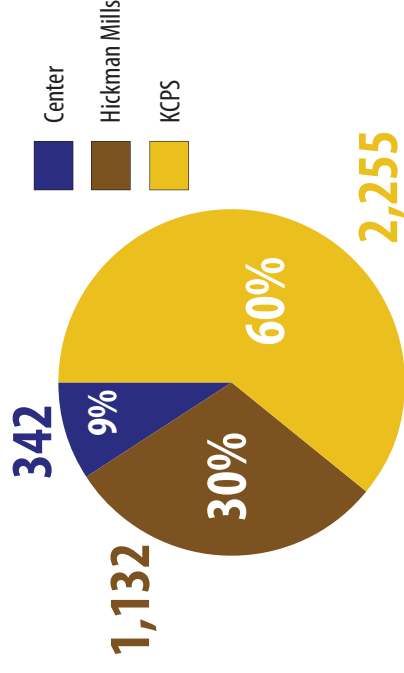
Total Program Funds Redeemed 2011-2018

Selected for SEBTC Benefits

Households Children

2011	1,477	2,538
2012	3,041	5,364
2013	2,262	4,001
2015	3,468	5,141
2016	2,961	5,653
2017	1,930	3,729
2018	3,651	5,025

Participants per District (2016)



* There was no SEBTC program in 2014

Funds Distributed

2011 **Funds Redeemed**

\$346,161 **90%**

2012

\$831,646 **92%**

2013

\$569,679 **92%**

* There was no SEBTC program in 2014

2015

\$426,861 **93%**

2016

\$479,804 **95%**

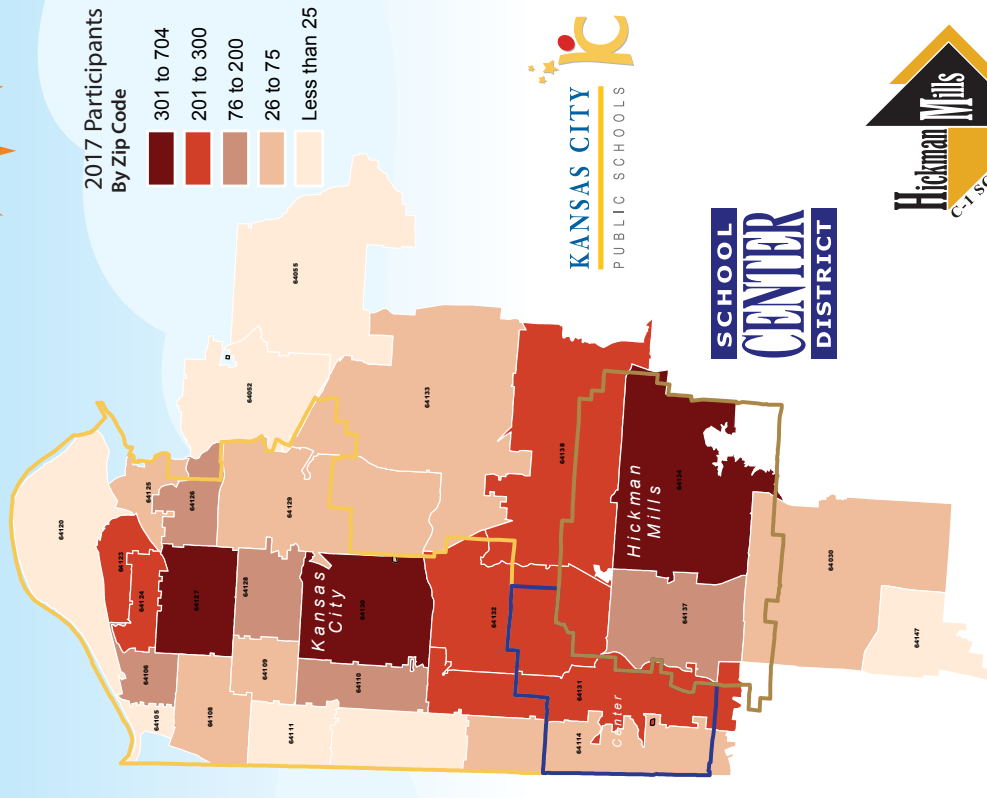
2017

\$318,830 **95%**

2018

\$407,250 **95%**

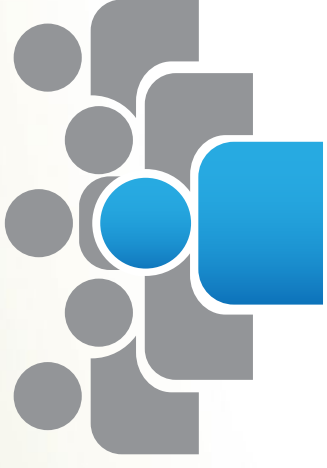
Funds Distributed *estimated*





LINC Employee Benefits

- LINC 401K Retirement Plan
- Onward Savings and Loan Program
- Health, Vision, Dental, Life and Disability Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts



127

Full-time
LINC Staff

530

Part-time
LINC Staff

Total LINC Contributions to Benefits

As of 4/5/2019

\$1,560,858

Medical, Life Insurance, 401K Retirement Savings. Participation in benefits is voluntary. Employees participate in a variety of different benefits offered.

\$12,290

Average LINC Contribution
Per Employee

Total Employee Contributions to Benefits

\$843,331

Dental, Vision, 401K Elective Deferrals, Medical Premiums, Short-term and long-term disability, flexible spending accounts

Full-Time Employees Eligible After 1 Year of Service

LINC 401K Retirement Plan

Up to 4% 7.5%

Matching LINC Contribution Additional
of 50% of Elective Deferral LINC Contribution
Per Pay Period Per Year

Employee Contributions

\$339,185

LINC Contributions

\$603,081

Total Contributions

\$942,266

As of 4/5/2019



LINC Co-Fiduciary

- Provide retirement consultation with employees
- One to one retirement reviews onsite twice per year
- 37 employees took advantage of onsite meetings in March 2019
- This engagement created interest in retirement plan
- Online budgeting tools

TWO WEST
MONEY SIMPLIFIED

In March 2019, LINC requested an RFP for a new retirement plan record keeper. Beginning in June 2019, Vanguard will replace Principal.

The change will save LINC approximately **35.6%**.



Health Care with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City

- Currently offer 3 health plan choices: PPO, HMO, and Spira Care(EPO)
- Added Spira Care (EPO) option for 2019.
- No copay or deductibles at Spira Care Centers, increase value and quality of care experience.
- This innovative approach is projected to save our employees \$101,000 per year.
- Working closely with BCBS to improve access for this new line.



Flexible Savings Account (FSA)

- Changed providers from WageWorks to ASI FLEX (A Missouri based company)
- Initiated an annual rollover of \$500, ending use it or lose it
- Improve quality of service for our employees
- Better value for organization
- Increased participation by 13 employees

Future Benefits *(in process or under consideration)*

ADP

- Lifemart Employee Discount Program

Vanguard

- Improved value and cost
- Targeted date funds

All Employees Eligible After 90 Days of Service

Onward



Savings and Loan Option

Onward is a not-for-profit employer benefit program that promotes saving, responsible borrowing, and financial education.

- 50 employees are participating
- Weekly financial tips
- Over \$9,000 has been saved to date
- Plans to move to Part-Time staff in Q3-2019

LINC Small Dollar Loans through NextStepKC

371 Loans Approved **\$400 Average Loan**

Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City

PRESS Release

For immediate release

April 2, 2019

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Kenny Southwick named new executive director of Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City School administrator to replace Gayden Carruth, who is retiring after 11 years in metro-area school leadership position

Dr. Kenny Southwick, deputy superintendent of the Shawnee Mission School District, was named executive director of Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City, which includes 32 Missouri school districts. Southwick will begin his new job in Sept. 2019 following his retirement from Shawnee Mission in July.

He will replace Dr. Gayden Carruth, who is retiring from Cooperating School Districts on Aug. 31 after serving as executive director for 11 years. In order to ensure a smooth transition, Carruth gave notice to the CSDGKC Board in October 2018. Carruth has worked in education for 47 years, including serving as a teacher, principal and district administrator in Mississippi, Minnesota, Virginia and Missouri. Within this area, she served as Park Hill School District's superintendent from 1994 through her retirement from the district in 2005.

Carruth was named 1998 Superintendent of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators and was recognized among *Ingram's* 2014 Icons of Education. As part of her role with Cooperating School Districts, she also serves as co-leader of the Education Policy Fellowship Program, a 10-month training opportunity for current and emerging leaders.

Carruth said her goal has always been to help improve the quality of education for children. "What I feel best about is that in every position I've held, I left that organization better than it was when I arrived," she added.

Dr. Dennis Carpenter, president of the Cooperating School Districts Board and Lee's Summit R-7 School District superintendent, said the organization is looking forward to a positive transition from Carruth to Southwick.

"Cooperating School Districts is grateful to Dr. Carruth for the visionary leadership she has provided for our school districts and the educational community," Carpenter said. "We also feel fortunate to be able to make the transition from one outstanding leader to another as Dr. Southwick steps into the executive director role later this year."

Southwick has worked in the Shawnee Mission School District since 2014 serving as both deputy superintendent and interim superintendent. He previously worked as a teacher, counselor, coach and district administrator within the Maryville, Excelsior Springs and Belton school districts, finishing his career in Missouri public education as Belton's superintendent.

Southwick was honored among *Ingram's* Icons of Education for 2017 and received the University Council for Educational Administration's Excellence in Educational Leadership award. He earned his bachelor's degree from William Jewell College, his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Northwest Missouri State University and a doctorate in education from the University of Kansas.

[Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City](http://www.csdgkc.org), established in 1976, includes Adrian, Archie, Belton, Blue Springs, Center, Excelsior Springs, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Grandview, Harrisonville, Hickman Mills, Independence, Kansas City, Kearney, Knob Noster, Lathrop, Lee A. Tolbert, Lee's Summit, Lexington, Liberty, Lone Jack, Mid-Buchanan, North Kansas City, Oak Grove, Park Hill, Platte County, Pleasant Hill, Raymore-Peculiar, Raytown, Richmond, Smithville and West Platte.

The 32 districts work together on legislative issues, professional development, research, communication and cooperative purchasing.

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Missouri State Senators



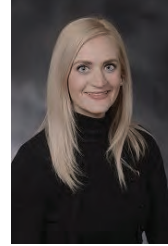
Sen. Jason Holsman
D-7, Rm. 421



Sen. S. Kiki Curls
D-9, Rm. 434



Sen. John Rizzo
D-11, Rm. 425



Sen. Lauren Arthur
D-17, Rm. 329

Missouri House Representatives



Rep. Mark Ellebracht
D-17, Rm. 135-BA



Rep. Ingrid Burnett
D-19, Rm. 105-G



Rep. Bill Kidd
R-20, Rm. 403-B



Rep. Brandon Ellington
D-22, Rm. 109-C



Rep. Barbara Washington
D-23, Rm. 135AB



Rep. Judy Morgan
D-24, Rm. 105-A



Rep. Greg Razer
D-25, Rm. 103-BC



Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove
D-26, Rm. 101-I



Rep. Richard Brown
D-27, Rm. 109-G



Rep. Keri Ingle
D-35, Rm. 109-E



Rep. DaRon McGee
D-36, Rm. 134

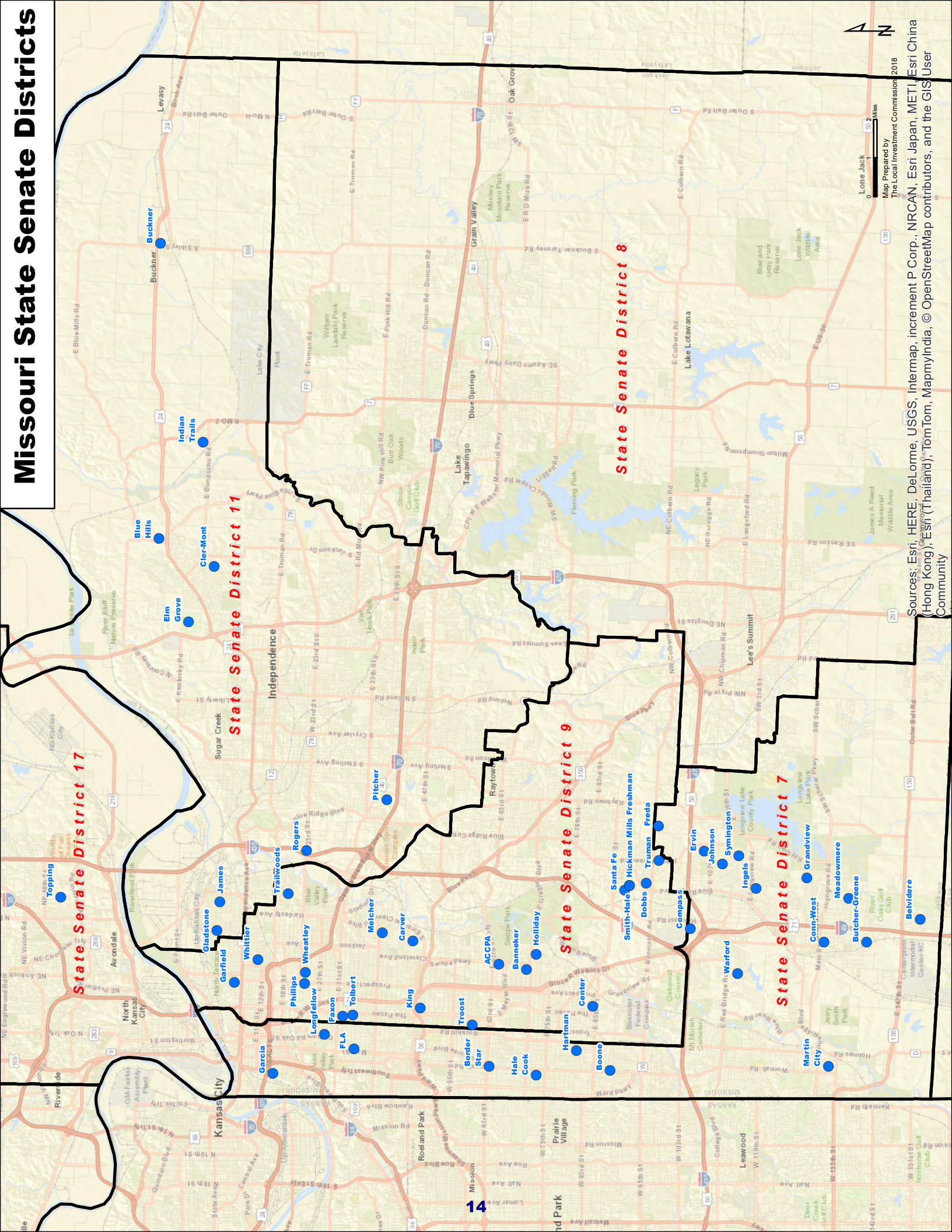


Rep. Joe Runions
D-37, Rm. 109-B



Rep. Jack Bondon
R-56, Rm. 403-A

Missouri State Senate Districts



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Sen. Jason Holsman (D-7), Room 428

School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Center	Boone Elementary	8817 Wornall	Kansas City	MO	64114
Grandview	Belvidere Elementary	15010 White Avenue	Grandview	MO	64030
	Butcher-Greene Elementary	5302 East 140th Street	Grandview	MO	64030
	Conn-West Elementary	1100 High Grove Road	Grandview	MO	64030
	Grandview Middle	12650 Manchester Ave	Grandview	MO	64030
	Martin City K-8 School	201 East 133rd Street	Kansas City	MO	64145
	Meadowmere Elementary	7010 East 136th Street	Grandview	MO	64030
Hickman Mills	Burke Elementary	11115 Bennington	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Ervin Early Learning Center	10530 Greenwood Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Freda Markley Early Childhood	9201 E. Bannister Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Ingels Elementary	11600 Food Ln.	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Johnson Elementary	10900 Marsh	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Smith-Hale Middle School	8925 Longview Road	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Symington Elementary	8650 Ruskin Way	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Warford Elementary	11400 Cleveland	Kansas City	MO	64137
KCPS	Border Star Montessori	6321 Wornall Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64113
	Foreign Language Academy	3450 Warwick	Kansas City	MO	64111
	Garcia Elementary	1000 W 17th St.	Kansas City	MO	64108
	Hale Cook Elementary	7302 Pennsylvania Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64114
	Hartman Elementary	8111 Oak	Kansas City	MO	64114
	Longfellow Elementary	2830 Holmes	Kansas City	MO	64109

Sen. S. Kiki Curls (D-9), Room 225

School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Center	Center Elementary	8401 Euclid Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64132
Charter	Genesis School	3800 E. 44th Street	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Tolbert Academy	3400 Paseo	Kansas City	MO	64109
Hickman Mills	Dobbs Elementary	9400 Eastern	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Hickman Mills Freshman Center	9010 Old Santa Fe Road	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Santa Fe Elementary	8908 Old Santa Fe Road	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Truman Elementary	9601 James A. Reed Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
KCPS	ACCPA	6410 Swope Parkway	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Benjamin Banneker Elementary	7050 Askew Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64132
	Carver Elementary	4600 Elmwood	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Faxon Elementary	1320 E. 32nd Terr.	Kansas City	MO	64109
	Garfield Elementary	436 Prospect Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64124
	Holliday Montessori	7227 Jackson	Kansas City	MO	64132
	King Elementary	4201-A Indiana	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Melcher Elementary	3958 Chelsea	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Paige Elementary	3301 E. 75th St.	Kansas City	MO	64132

	Richardson Early Learning Community School	3515 Park Avenue	Kansas City	MO	64109
	Trailwoods Elementary	6201 E. 17th St.	Kansas City	MO	64126
	Troost Elementary	1215 East 59th St	Kansas City	MO	64110
	Wendell Phillips Elementary	2400 Prospect	Kansas City	MO	64127
	Wheatley Elementary	2415 Agnes	Kansas City	MO	64127
	Whittier Elementary	1012 Bales Ave.	Kansas City	Mo	64127
	Woodland Early Learning Community School	711 Woodland	Kansas City	MO	64106

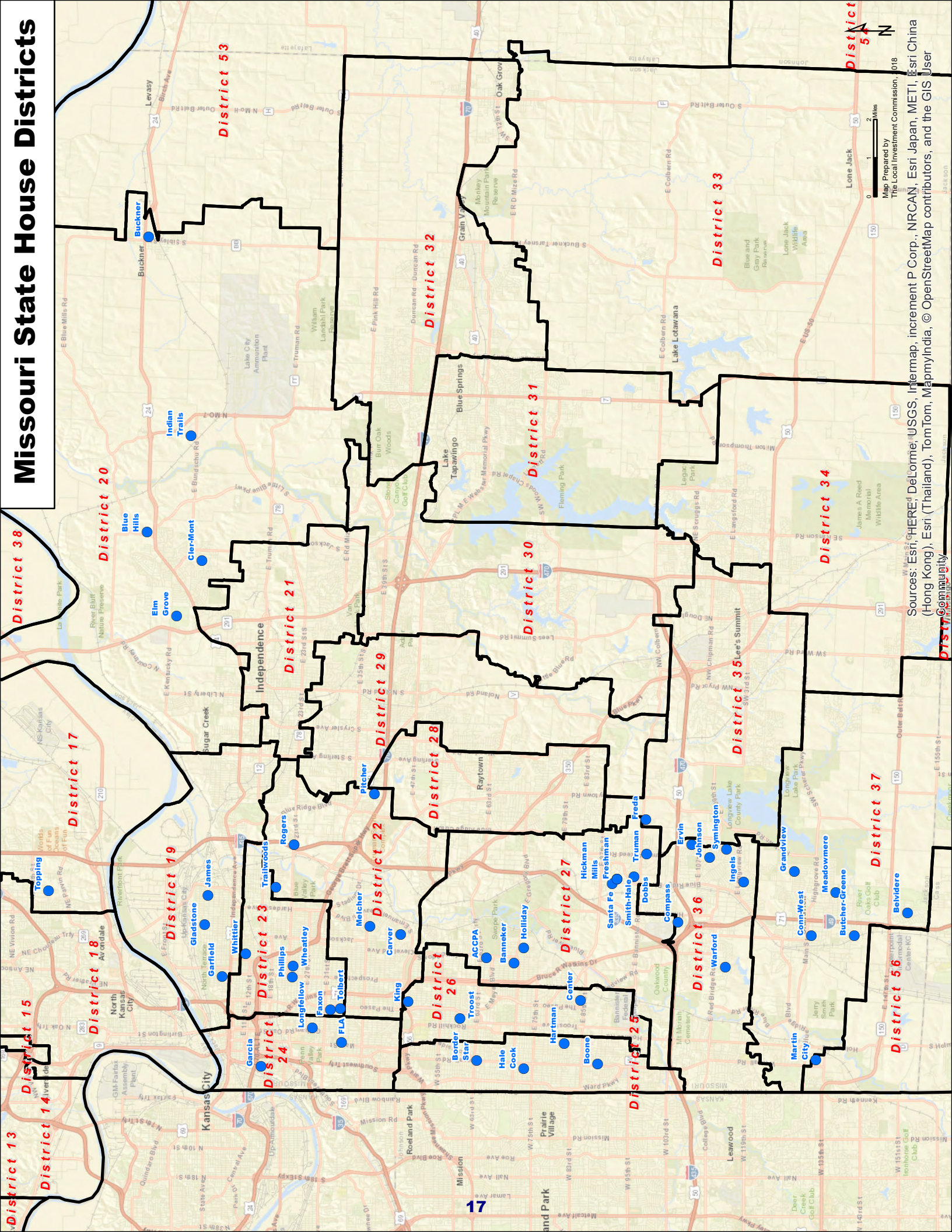
Sen. John Rizzo (D-11), Room 328

School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Ft. Osage	Blue Hills Elementary	1911 N Blue Mills Rd	Independence	MO	64058
	Buckner Elementary	13 S. Sibley St.	Buckner	MO	64016
	Cler-Mont Elementary	19009 Susquehanna Ridge	Independence	MO	64056
	Elm Grove Elementary	18000 Kentucky Rd	Independence	MO	64058
	Indian Trails Elementary	24300 Bundschu Rd	Independence	MO	64056
KCPS	Gladstone Elementary	335 N. Elmwood	Kansas City	MO	64123
	James Elementary	5810 Scarritt	Kansas City	MO	64123
	Pitcher Elementary	9915 E 38th Terr.	Kansas City	MO	64133
	Rogers Elementary	6400 E 23rd St	Kansas City	MO	64129

Sen. Lauren Arthur (D-17)

School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
North Kansas City	Topping Elementary	4433 N. Topping Avenue	Kansas City	MO	64117

Missouri State House Districts



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Rep. Mark Ellebracht (D-17), Room 135-BA					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
North Kansas City	Topping Elementary	4433 N. Topping Avenue	Kansas City	MO	64117
Rep. Ingrid Burnett (D-19), Room 105-G					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
KCPS	Garfield Elementary	436 Prospect Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64124
	Gladstone Elementary	335 N. Elmwood	Kansas City	MO	64123
	James Elementary	5810 Scarritt	Kansas City	MO	64123
Rep. Bill Kidd (R-20), Room 403-B					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Fort Osage	Blue Hills Elementary	1911 N Blue Mills Rd	Independence	MO	64058
	Buckner Elementary	13 S. Sibley St.	Buckner	MO	64016
	Cler-Mont Elementary	19009 Susquehanna Ridge	Independence	MO	64056
	Elm Grove Elementary	18000 Kentucky Rd	Independence	MO	64058
	Indian Trails Elementary	24300 Bundschu Rd	Independence	MO	64056
Rep. Brandon Ellington (D-22), Room 109-C					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Charter	Genesis School	3800 E. 44th Street	Kansas City	MO	64130
KCPS	Carver Elementary	4600 Elmwood	Kansas City	MO	64130
	King Elementary	4201-A Indiana	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Melcher Elementary	3958 Chelsea	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Pitcher Elementary	9915 E 38th Terr.	Kansas City	MO	64133
	Richardson Early Learning Community School	3515 Park Avenue	Kansas City	MO	64109
	Rogers Elementary	6400 E 23rd St	Kansas City	MO	64129
	Trailwoods Elementary	6201 E. 17th St.	Kansas City	MO	64126
Rep. Barbara Washington (D-23), Room 135-AB					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Charter	Tolbert Academy	3400 Paseo	Kansas City	MO	64109
KCPS	Faxon Elementary	1320 E. 32nd Terr.	Kansas City	MO	64109
	Wendell Phillips Elementary	2400 Prospect	Kansas City	MO	64127
	Wheatley Elementary	2415 Agnes	Kansas City	MO	64127
	Whittier Elementary	1012 Bales Ave.	Kansas City	Mo	64127
	Woodland Early Learning Community School	711 Woodland	Kansas City	MO	64106
Rep. Judy Morgan (D-24), Room 105-A					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
KCPS	Foreign Language Academy	3450 Warwick	Kansas City	MO	64111
	Garcia Elementary	1000 W 17th St.	Kansas City	MO	64108
	Longfellow Elementary	2830 Holmes	Kansas City	MO	64109

Rep. Greg Razer (D-25), Room 103-BC					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Center	Boone Elementary	8817 Wornall	Kansas City	MO	64114
KCPS	Border Star Montessori	6321 Wornall Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64113
	Hale Cook Elementary	7302 Pennsylvania Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64114
	Hartman Elementary	8111 Oak	Kansas City	MO	64114
Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D-26), Room 101-I					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Center	Center Elementary	8401 Euclid Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64132
KCPS	Troost Elementary	1215 East 59th St	Kansas City	MO	64110
Rep. Richard Brown (D-27), Room 109-G					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Hickman Mills	Dobbs Elementary	9400 Eastern	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Hickman Mills Freshman Center	9010 Old Santa Fe Road	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Santa Fe Elementary	8908 Old Santa Fe Road	Kansas City	MO	64138
	Truman Elementary	9601 James A. Reed Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
KCPS	ACCPA	6410 Swope Parkway	Kansas City	MO	64130
	Benjamin Banneker Elementary	7050 Askew Ave.	Kansas City	MO	64132
	Holliday Montessori	7227 Jackson	Kansas City	MO	64132
	Paige Elementary	3301 E. 75th St.	Kansas City	MO	64132
Rep. Keri Ingle (D-35), Room 109-E					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Hickman Mills	Freda Markley Early Childhood	9201 E. Bannister Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
Rep. DaRon McGee (D-36), Room 134					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Hickman Mills	Burke Elementary	11115 Bennington	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Ervin Early Learning Center	10530 Greenwood Rd.	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Ingels Elementary	11600 Food Ln.	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Johnson Elementary	10900 Marsh	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Smith-Hale Middle School	8925 Longview Road	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Symington Elementary	8650 Ruskin Way	Kansas City	MO	64134
	Warford Elementary	11400 Cleveland	Kansas City	MO	64137
Rep. Joe Runions (D-37), Room 109-B					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Grandview	Belvidere Elementary	15010 White Avenue	Grandview	MO	64030
	Butcher-Greene Elementary	5302 East 140th Street	Grandview	MO	64030
	Conn-West Elementary	1100 High Grove Road	Grandview	MO	64030
	Meadowmere Elementary	7010 East 136th Street	Grandview	MO	64030
	Grandview Middle	12650 Manchester Ave	Grandview	MO	64030
Rep. Jack Bondon (R-56), Room 403-A					
School District	LINC Site	Street	City	State	Zip
Grandview	Martin City K-8 School	201 East 133rd Street	Kansas City	MO	64145

250,000 Missouri children remain at risk: says KIDS COUNT 2019 report



The fortunes of children in Missouri are improving -- just not fast enough.

New numbers updating [Missouri's KIDS COUNT report](#) provide some hopeful news, if incremental gains can bring any satisfaction. But some 250,000 children statewide [still live in poverty and are food insecure](#).

And the rate of vulnerable children rose in Jackson County, St. Louis city and many poor rural counties.

The state and Kansas City-area counties saw improvements for children in most areas, including economic well-being, education and many health indicators. But fortunes have worsened in children's mental health: suicide rates are up, as are hospitalizations for substance abuse and for mental and behavioral distress.

The disturbing trend carried across the state, including Jackson, Clay and Platte counties.

KIDS COUNT reports, published by University of Missouri's Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis and by the Family and Community Trust, have served as a barometer for more than two decades, spurring policymakers, legislators and service providers to action.

The data is also available through [the new KIDS COUNT app](#).

The 2019 report, with data from 2017, measured trends against state numbers in 2013.

While some 250,000 children may still live in poverty in the state, that number is down by more than 50,000 since 2013 -- an 18-percent drop.

The rate of children in poverty fell from 22.2 percent to 20.0 percent overall. Jackson County's rate fell from 24.3 percent to 20.7 percent.

Jackson County remains one of the poorest-ranked counties in the state for the status of its children. Jackson's [composite score ranked 103rd](#) among the state's 115 counties in the 2019 report -- up from 105 in the 2015 report.

Clay County was [ranked No. 10](#) overall in both 2019 and 2015.

Platte County [rose to No. 2 statewide](#) in 2019, from No. 3 in 2015.

The rate of hardships on children [rose among families of color](#). Overall, black children and Hispanic children are healthier and in better economic situations since 2013, but are still more than twice as likely as white children to be food insecure or hospitalized.

According to the report, 37.6 percent of black children statewide lived in poverty in 2017, down from 42.8 percent in 2013. For Hispanic children, the rate fell from 32.2 percent to 22 percent over the same span. Among white children, the rate fell from 17.4 percent to 14.3 percent.

The economic well-being gains were in part offset by the rise in mental health concerns statewide.

The suicide rate between 2013 and 2017 rose from 2.8 to 4.9 per 100,000 children. The rate of hospitalization for substance abuse measured over four years preceding 2011 and 2016 rose from 19.7 to 22.2 per 100,000 children.

Hospitalization rates over the same span for mental and behavioral health crises rose from 9.2 to 10.3.

The Missouri KIDS COUNT Data Book is a collaborative project of the [Family and Community Trust](#), the [Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis](#) at the University of Missouri and more than 20 public and private organizations across the state including the [Local Investment Commission](#). CTF and the Annie E. Casey Foundation provide the primary funding for the data book and data tool.

Missouri State Profile

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend
	2013	2017	2013	2017	
Economic Well-Being					
Children under 18 in poverty	303,923	249,829	22.2%	18.5%	↑
Food insecurity for children ^b	308,110	241,830	22.0%	17.4%	↑
Health					
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	31,123	31,335	8.0%	8.4%	↓
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	11,835	9,823	8.4	7.1	↑
Child asthma ER visits (per 1,000) ^b	14,776	11,118	10.5	8.0	↑
Family & Community					
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5,812	4,300	30.0	22.5	↑
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	6,181	5,272	4.4	3.8	↑
Education					
Graduation rate	58,726	59,046	88.4%	91.0%	↑
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}					
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		43,562		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		40,159		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		37,974		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Missouri State Profile

Population: 6,113,532

Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	6,044,171	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	106.5
	2017	6,113,532		2018	104.2
Child population under 18	2013	1,397,733	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	---
	2017	1,382,971		2018	17.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.6%
	2017	22.6%		2017	94.8%
Child population under 6	2013	454,896	Family & Community		
	2017	449,401	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	53.8
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.5%		2013-2017	49.6
	2017	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	340,840		2013-2017	9.0%
	2017	349,168	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	32.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	24.4%		2017	27.1
	2017	25.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.5%
Minority child population under 6	2013	118,571		2017	2.0%
	2017	118,509	Children entering / re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	26.1%		2017	5.0
	2017	26.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	33.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.8
	2013-2017	32.9%		2013-2017	6.4
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	66.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.9
	2013-2017	66.2%		2013-2017	23.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	17.9
Children in poverty under 6	2013	25.5%		2013-2017	18.2
	2017	20.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	51.7
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	20.5%		2013-2017	50.0
	2017	17.2%	Suicides, ages 0-19 (per 100,000)	2013	2.8
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	29.8%		2017	4.9
	2013-2017	26.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18	2008-2012	68.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	36.1%		2013-2017	58.6%
	2013-2017	35.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	19.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	36.9%		2012-2016	22.2
	2017	32.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	92.0
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$57,155		2012-2016	103.0
	2013-2017	\$62,613	Uninsured children	2012	7.4%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.50%		2016	4.8%
	2017	3.76%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.5%
Child homelessness	2013	2.9%		2017	93.8%
	2017	3.7%			

Jackson County

County Composite Rank

2015 **105**

2019 **103**

Population: 698,895

County Seat: Independence

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	38,803	33,528	24.3%	20.7%	↑	18.5%	39
Food insecurity for children ^b	33,700	30,760	20.4%	18.7%	↑	17.4%	42
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	4,156	4,249	8.3%	9.0%	↓	8.4%	95
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	1,395	1,483	8.5	8.9	↓	7.1	93
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	2,928	2,098	17.8	12.7	↑	8.0	113
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	774	614	38.1	29.5	↑	22.5	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	492	321	3.0	1.9	↑	3.3	15
Education							
Graduation rate	5,840	6,350	81.9%	88.3%	↑	91.0%	104
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		4,888		56.4%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		4,437		55.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		4,107		47.1%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Jackson County

County Composite Rank

2015 **105**

2019 **103**

Population: 698,895

County Seat: Independence

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	679,996
	2017	698,895
Child population under 18	2013	163,714
	2017	165,940
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.1%
	2017	23.7%
Child population under 6	2013	56,242
	2017	55,961
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.3%
	2017	8.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	76,220
	2017	78,130
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	46.5%
	2017	47.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	26,810
	2017	26,196
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	47.7%
	2017	46.8%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	42.6%
	2013-2017	42.4%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	56.5%
	2013-2017	56.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	25.2%
	2017	19.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	23.2%
	2017	20.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	34.6%
	2013-2017	30.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	39.2%
	2013-2017	38.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	43.6%
	2017	39.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$53,764
	2013-2017	\$57,164
Adult unemployment	2013	7.5%
	2017	4.4%
Child homelessness	2013	3.7%
	2017	4.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	140.2
	2018	149.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	15.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	93.9%
	2018	94.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	77.6
	2013-2017	65.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	11.7%
	2013-2017	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	12.4
	2017	13.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	3.7%
	2017	2.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	6.2
	2017	5.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.9
	2013-2017	6.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	26.2
	2013-2017	25.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.7
	2013-2017	19.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	60.0
	2013-2017	57.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	53.8%
	2013-2017	64.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	14.9
	2012-2016	17.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	135.2
	2012-2016	146.4
Uninsured children	2012	8.2%
	2016	5.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.3%
	2017	92.7%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

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Clay County

County Composite Rank

2015 **10**

2019 **10**

Population: 242,874

County Seat: Liberty

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,985	5,537	12.2%	9.6%	↑	18.5%	3
Food insecurity for children ^b	9,920	8,320	17.4%	14.3%	↑	17.4%	5
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	1,070	1,013	6.8%	6.7%	↑	8.4%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	387	440	6.7	7.5	↓	7.1	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	399	308	6.9	5.3	↑	8.0	77
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	169	135	23.5	18.3	↑	22.5	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	91	93	1.6	1.6	→	3.3	9
Education							
Graduation rate	2,574	2,858	92.0%	95.4%	↑	91.0%	29
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		2,439		75.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		2,072		65.2%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		2,249		69.4%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Clay County

County Composite Rank

2015 **10**

2019 **10**

Population: 242,874

County Seat: Liberty

Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	230,473	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	89.4
	2017	242,874		2018	91.4
Child population under 18	2013	58,020	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	58,948		2018	17.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.7%
	2017	24.3%		2018	94.8%
Child population under 6	2013	18,757	Family & Community		
	2017	18,943	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	39.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.1%		2013-2017	38.9
	2017	7.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	12,679		2013-2017	8.7%
	2017	13,719	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	22.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	21.8%		2017	19.2
	2017	23.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2013	4,130		2017	0.7%
	2017	4,323	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	22.0%		2017	1.7
	2017	22.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	28.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.7
	2013-2017	26.9%		2013-2017	4.8
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	71.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	16.2
	2013-2017	72.1%		2013-2017	20.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	12.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	16.1%		2013-2017	16.8
	2017	13.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	32.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	10.9%		2013-2017	41.7
	2017	8.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.3%		2013-2017	50.0%
	2013-2017	24.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	16.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	23.6%		2012-2016	18.3
	2013-2017	24.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	91.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	24.5%		2012-2016	101.0
	2017	19.5%	Uninsured children	2012	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$72,972		2016	3.5%
	2013-2017	\$80,500	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.2%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.3%		2017	93.8%
	2017	3.6%			
Child homelessness	2013	1.9%			
	2017	2.2%			

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Platte County

County Composite Rank

2015 **3**

2019 **2**

Population: 101,187

County Seat: Platte City

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,215	1,675	10.0%	7.1%	↑	18.5%	2
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,570	3,070	16.4%	13.5%	↑	17.4%	3
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	384	345	6.9%	5.9%	↑	8.4%	8
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	124	113	5.6	4.8	↑	7.1	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	120	100	5.4	4.3	↑	8.0	60
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	60	32	20.4	10.1	↑	22.5	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	46	47	2.0	1.9	↑	3.3	16
Education							
Graduation rate	1,058	1,135	92.7%	94.4%	↑	91.0%	44
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		965		74.9%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		934		72.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		800		61.3%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Platte County

County Composite Rank

2015 **3**

2019 **2**

Population: 101,187

County Seat: Platte City

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	93,310
	2017	101,187
Child population under 18	2013	22,493
	2017	24,110
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.1%
	2017	23.8%
Child population under 6	2013	7,028
	2017	7,566
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.5%
	2017	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2013	4,761
	2017	5,436
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	21.2%
	2017	22.5%
Minority child population under 6	2013	1,636
	2017	1,776
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	23.3%
	2017	23.5%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.5%
	2013-2017	25.9%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	73.0%
	2013-2017	71.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	7.3%
	2017	6.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	9.0%
	2017	6.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.5%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	21.6%
	2013-2017	18.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	18.3%
	2017	14.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$80,890
	2013-2017	\$88,644
Adult unemployment	2013	5.9%
	2017	3.2%
Child homelessness	2013	1.5%
	2017	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	64.2
	2018	61.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	12.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.2%
	2018	95.0%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	53.0
	2013-2017	34.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.2%
	2013-2017	8.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	18.4
	2017	18.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.8%
	2017	1.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	0.7
	2017	1.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.2
	2013-2017	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	13.7
	2013-2017	13.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	5.6
	2013-2017	10.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	51.4
	2013-2017	24.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	0.0%
	2013-2017	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	14.3*
	2012-2016	12.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	70.0
	2012-2016	82.9
Uninsured children	2012	6.3%
	2016	4.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.1%
	2017	94.3%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).

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