## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### CHILDREN IN POVERTY
- **Baseline:** 24.4% (2016)
- **Latest:** 21.2% (2021)
- **Change:** Better

### CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
- **Baseline:** 48% (2012-16)
- **Latest:** 43% (2017-21)
- **Change:** Better

### CHILDREN LIVING IN FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS
- **Baseline:** 17.9% (2019)
- **Latest:** 15.2% (2021)
- **Change:** Better

### HIGH RENTAL COST BURDEN
- **Baseline:** 47% (2012-16)
- **Latest:** 44% (2017-21)
- **Change:** Better

## EDUCATION

### KINDERGARTENERS READY TO LEARN
- **Baseline:** 51.4% (SY 2017-18)
- **Latest:** 46% (SY 2022-23)
- **Change:** Worse

### FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN READING
- **Baseline:** 46% (SY 2021-22)
- **Latest:** 48% (SY 2022-23)
- **Change:** Better

### EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS PROFICIENT IN MATH
- **Baseline:** 36% (SY 2021-22)
- **Latest:** 36% (SY 2022-23)
- **Change:** No Change

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING ON TIME
- **Baseline:** 90.3% (SY 2017-18)
- **Latest:** 91.4% (SY 2022-23)
- **Change:** Better

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<td><strong>Low-Birthweight Babies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Children Under 19 with Health Insurance</strong></td>
<td>96.7% (2016)</td>
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| **Teen Births**  
(rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19) | 31.7 (2014-16) | 22.8 (2019-21) | | 30.6 (2014-16) | 22.8 (2019-21) | | 31 of 120 |

### Family & Community

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| **Children in Foster Care**  
(rate per 1,000 children ages 0-17) | 43.7 (2015-17) | 50.1 (2020-22) | | 11.5 (2015-17) | 16.1 (2020-22) | | 3 of 120 |
| **Children Exiting Foster Care to Reunification** | 36% (2015-17) | 32% (2020-22) | | 34% (2015-17) | 52% (2020-22) | | 6 of 110 |
| **Youth Incarcerated in the Juvenile Justice System**  

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