Poverty and Food Insecurity

On average, people of color were paid less than White people.

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<th>Black: $39,102</th>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
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Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch

- 50%

People living in poverty

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Children living in food insecure households

- 12%

Childcare and Early Childhood Education

Annual childcare expenses should cost just 7%* of a family's income, but infant care for one child cost

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If infant care cost 7% of the region's median income,

- just 11 of every 100 families could afford it.

*according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Performance on NAEP*

Below the Proficient Level in 4th Grade

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Below the Proficient Level in 8th Grade

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*National Assessment of Educational Progress
Economic Vitality and Education in the South (EVES)
The South’s Pre-Pandemic Position
Missouri, 2019

Attainment and the Workforce

- Adults 25+ with a high school diploma or less:
  - Black: 48%
  - Hispanic: 48%
  - White: 40%

- Adults 25+ with a Bachelor’s degree or more:
  - Black: 20%
  - Hispanic: 23%
  - White: 31%

- Adults 25-64 facing unemployment:
  - Black: 6.5%
  - Hispanic: 4.3%
  - White: 3.3%

Adults 25-64 with higher attainment have a higher employment-to-population ratio — they are more likely to be in the labor force.

- No high school credential: 49%
- High school or equivalent: 68%
- Some college or associate degree: 77%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 86%

Adults 25+ with lower attainment earn less.

- No high school credential: $24,831
- High school or equivalent: $31,297
- Some college or associate degree: $36,127
- Bachelor’s degree: $51,217
- Graduate or professional degree: $63,368

Adults 25+ living in poverty:

- No high school credential: 27%
- High school or equivalent: 13%
- Some college or associate degree: 10%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 4%

Adults 25-64 facing unemployment:

- No high school credential: 7.2%
- High school or equivalent: 4.0%
- Some college or associate degree: 3.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 1.5%

2017-2018 School Discipline

Students who were suspended, by race:

- In-school suspension:
  - Black: 19%
  - Hispanic: 8%
  - White: 8%

- Out-of-school suspension:
  - Black: 15%
  - Hispanic: 4%
  - White: 4%

School enrollments in the school year:

- 16% were Black
- 6% were Hispanic
- 71% were White

- Of those who were referred to law enforcement,
  - 20% were Black
  - 6% were Hispanic
  - 69% were White

- Of the students who had a school-related arrest,
  - 24% were Black
  - 7% were Hispanic
  - 63% were White

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