

# POPULATION ESTIMATES BY AGE GROUP

**DEFINITION:** Estimate of resident population by age group.

## SIGNIFICANCE

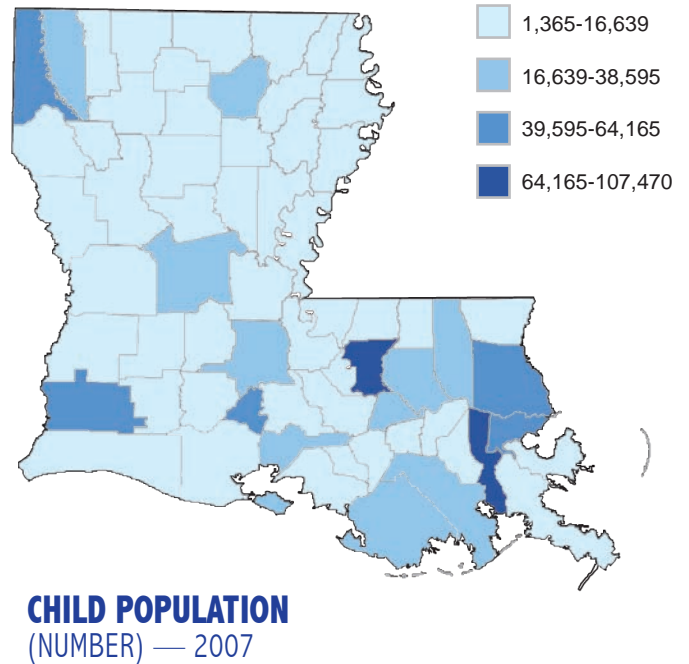
Knowing how many children live in an area is essential to effective planning for the needs of a community. The size of the child population drives the demand for schools, health care, and other services.<sup>1</sup>

One out of every four Louisianans is a child. Between 2000 and 2008, the percentage of the Louisiana population under age 18 declined from 27% to 25%. In 2008, the percentage of the population under 18 was slightly higher in Louisiana than the national average of 24%. Within Louisiana, parishes vary widely in terms of the relative youthfulness of their populations. The percentage of the population comprised of children ranges from a low of 16% in West Feliciana Parish to a high of 31% in Vernon Parish.

Louisiana's total population declined between 2000 and 2008 by an estimated 58,083 people and the child population fell by 108,933 (from an estimated 1,216,906 children to 1,107,973 children).<sup>2</sup> Louisiana's population declines are in contrast to the national trend. The U.S. child population actually grew by 1.6 million between 2000 and 2008.<sup>3</sup> Though the state saw significant decreases in both the total population and the child population after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita battered the state in 2005, population estimates for 2007 and 2008 show that the population is now increasing.

## DATA SOURCE

Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Washington D.C.  
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<sup>1</sup> Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Child Well-Being*, 2009. (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009), p. xiv, retrieved from [www.childstats.gov/](http://www.childstats.gov/) on 7/30/2009.

<sup>2</sup> The Annie E. Casey Foundation, "Total population by child and adult populations (Percent) – 2008," KIDS COUNT Data Center, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, retrieved from [www.kidscount.org/datacenter](http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter) on 7/30/2009.

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2007	TOTAL	UNDER 5	AGES 5-13	AGES 14-17	UNDER 18	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>4,293,204</b>	<b>298,157</b>	<b>528,804</b>	<b>252,599</b>	<b>1,079,560</b>	<b>25</b>
Acadia	59,958	4,674	8,066	3,899	16,639	28
Allen	25,524	1,607	2,920	1,375	5,902	23
Ascension	99,056	8,310	14,273	6,101	28,684	29
Assumption	22,991	1,346	2,808	1,474	5,628	24
Avoyelles	42,169	3,148	5,125	2,418	10,691	25
Beauregard	34,776	2,259	4,422	2,184	8,865	25
Bienville	14,907	960	1,691	923	3,574	24
Bossier	108,705	8,385	14,538	6,659	29,582	27
Caddo	252,609	18,218	30,925	15,022	64,165	25
Calcasieu	184,512	13,299	23,290	10,702	47,291	26
Caldwell	10,307	620	1,134	599	2,353	23
Cameron	7,414	249	826	478	1,553	21
Catahoula	10,452	717	1,144	597	2,458	24
Claiborne	16,283	830	1,676	939	3,445	21
Concordia	19,058	1,248	2,395	1,119	4,762	25
De Soto	26,269	1,800	3,308	1,608	6,716	26
East Baton Rouge	430,317	29,654	53,110	24,706	107,470	25
East Carroll	8,302	673	1,037	537	2,247	27
East Feliciana	20,833	1,265	2,316	1,145	4,726	23
Evangeline	35,905	2,622	4,902	2,279	9,803	27
Franklin	20,060	1,418	2,464	1,211	5,093	25
Grant	19,758	1,255	2,586	1,283	5,124	26
Iberia	74,965	5,610	10,203	4,808	20,621	28
Iberville	32,501	2,230	3,653	1,884	7,767	24
Jackson	15,139	994	1,720	803	3,517	23
Jefferson	423,520	26,804	49,378	23,724	99,906	24
Jefferson Davis	31,177	2,272	4,170	1,965	8,407	27
La Salle	14,041	877	1,550	962	3,389	24
Lafayette	204,843	15,064	25,926	11,814	52,804	26
Lafourche	92,713	5,856	11,100	5,703	22,659	24
Lincoln	42,562	2,689	4,414	1,954	9,057	21
Livingston	116,580	8,780	15,783	7,160	31,723	27
Madison	11,858	958	1,674	799	3,431	29
Morehouse	28,783	1,938	3,492	1,725	7,155	25
Natchitoches	39,485	2,908	4,826	2,000	9,734	25
Orleans	239,124	12,599	20,177	11,309	44,085	18
Ouachita	149,502	11,228	19,080	9,287	39,595	26
Plaquemines	21,540	1,303	2,862	1,487	5,652	26
Pointe Coupee	22,392	1,495	2,660	1,257	5,412	24
Rapides	130,079	9,509	16,318	7,658	33,485	26
Red River	9,195	700	1,176	644	2,520	27
Richland	20,469	1,433	2,548	1,221	5,202	25
Sabine	23,683	1,639	2,778	1,418	5,835	25
St. Bernard	19,826	1,005	1,372	1,005	3,382	17
St. Charles	52,044	3,533	6,869	3,460	13,862	27
St. Helena	10,620	562	1,404	646	2,612	25
St. James	21,578	1,537	2,664	1,401	5,602	26
St. John the Baptist	47,684	3,730	6,781	3,228	13,739	29
St. Landry	91,362	6,926	12,215	5,641	24,782	27
St. Martin	51,651	3,673	6,891	3,162	13,726	27
St. Mary	51,311	3,708	6,516	3,329	13,553	26
St. Tammany	226,625	15,368	29,440	14,154	58,962	26
Tangipahoa	115,398	8,740	14,834	6,836	30,410	26
Tensas	5,865	403	661	301	1,365	23
Terrebonne	108,424	8,267	13,938	6,696	28,901	27
Union	22,773	1,562	2,674	1,291	5,527	24
Vermilion	55,691	3,917	7,028	3,348	14,293	26
Vernon	47,380	4,260	7,570	2,928	14,758	31
Washington	44,920	3,136	5,842	2,580	11,558	26
Webster	40,924	2,570	4,771	2,213	9,554	23
West Baton Rouge	22,625	1,623	2,770	1,385	5,778	26
West Carroll	11,553	654	1,264	676	2,594	22
West Feliciana	15,113	583	1,211	660	2,454	16
Winn	15,521	957	1,645	819	3,421	22