# St. Louis Area Diaper Bank

**St. Louis Area Diaper Bank** provides diapers at no cost to families experiencing diaper need: the inability to provide a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. According to [The NDBN Diaper Check 2023](https://www.nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org), 1 in 2 families struggles to afford diapers.

Families receiving diapers from **St. Louis Area Diaper Bank** were interviewed as part of a larger, national study of the economic impact of diaper banks. The study found that when families receive diapers, more families are able to work or attend school, health care spending is reduced, and children are healthier.

### About the families we serve

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<td>OF CHILDCARE PROVIDERS REQUIRED DIAPERS</td>
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<td>OF FAMILIES USING CHILDCARE DEPEND ON IT FOR WORK OR SCHOOL</td>
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### Working families need diapers

The majority of families receiving diapers from **St. Louis Area Diaper Bank** are working and still unable to afford an adequate supply of diapers. Additionally, 15% of adults are working 2 or more jobs.

### St. Louis Area Diaper Bank is a trusted community resource

As a reliable source for diapers, **St. Louis Area Diaper Bank** helps families access this basic need. Among families that connect with a diaper program, a majority (67%) expect that they will only need additional support for one year or less in the future.

### Diapers: True cost of childcare

In Missouri, the average expense for placing an infant in family ($6,297) or center-based ($11,059) care typically does not include the cost of diapers. Families are required to provide a full supply of diapers.

### St. Louis Area Diaper Bank helps families achieve self-sufficiency

Diapers are necessary for childcare, which enables adults to work or achieve educational goals. As educational attainment rises, wages increase and unemployment rates fall.

### Diapers prevent wage loss

Families report that if they didn’t receive diapers from **St. Louis Area Diaper Bank** they could lose needed childcare and therefore have to work less hours. For an adult making $15/hour in Missouri, lost earnings amount to $2,100 a year.

### St. Louis Area Diaper Bank positively impacts health care

Parents report that their children have fewer cases of diaper-related illnesses and health care visits after receiving diapers. The reduction in both represents significant savings to the health care system.

### Source

The findings are based on 98 St. Louis Area Diaper Bank recipients interviewed, as part of National Diaper Bank Network-funded research conducted in partnership with 65 U.S. diaper banks. For more information visit [nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS](https://www.nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS).

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