

# Barton County

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Composite  
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	869	759	28.1%	26.9%	↑	20.4%	72
Food insecurity for children*	810	820	25.2%	26.1%	↓	20.8%	96
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	58	52	7.3%	7.1%	↑	8.0%	38
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	55	29	17.3	9.7	↑	7.6	100
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	28	19	8.8	6.4	↑	10.2	77
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	19	20.8	46.5	↓	25.0	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	14	7	4.4	2.4	↑	4.5	6
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	140	138	88.6%	93.2%	↑	90.2%	59
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	49	55	27.5%	43%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	83	72	51.6%	48.3%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	64	85	44.4%	55.6%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	124	98	65.3%	59%		62.2%	

<sup>^</sup>Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

\* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

# Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

**LEGEND:** ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2011	12,366
	2015	11,880
Child population under 18	2011	3,156
	2015	2,887
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	25.6%
	2015	24.3%
Child population under 6	2011	962
	2015	805
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.8%
	2015	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2011	237
	2015	274
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	7.5%
	2015	9.5%
Minority child population under 6	2011	77
	2015	83
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	2.4%
	2015	2.9%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	25%
	2011-2015	27.6%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	74.6%
	2011-2015	71.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	24.9%
	2011-2015	45.3%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	28.1%
	2011-2015	26.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	27.3%
	2011-2015	29%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	46.5%
	2011-2015	48%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	45.9%
	2015	39.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$43,636
	2011-2015	\$42,950
Adult unemployment	2011	9.6%
	2015	5.4%
Child homelessness	2011	1%
	2015	1.2%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	49.7
	2016	62.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	11.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.9%
	2015	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	45.5
	2011-2015	23.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	9.1%
	2011-2015	9.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	79.5
	2015	51
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	1.7%
	2015	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	6
	2015	6.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	0%
	2011-2015	45.3%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	6.3
	2011-2015	4.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	24
	2011-2015	39.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	29.2
	2011-2015	41.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	0
	2011-2015	42.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	21.6
	2010-2014	23.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	30.3
	2010-2014	55.2
Uninsured children	2010	7.7%
	2014	10%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	94.8%
	2015	94.7%

\*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.