

# Buchanan County

County Seat: St. Joseph

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 89,100

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	4,832	4,654	23.6%	23.7%	↓	20.4%	50
Food insecurity for children*	4,810	4,620	23.7%	22.2%	↑	20.8%	51
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>+</sup>	475	468	7.2%	8%	↓	8.0%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	288	210	13.8	10.2	↑	7.6	102
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	127	134	6.1	6.5	↓	10.2	79
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	163	101	55.7	37.7	↑	25.0	80
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	105	108	5	5.3	↓	4.5	52
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	829	784	84.4%	93%	↑	90.2%	64
Achievement proficiency <sup>^</sup> #							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	409	606	42.4%	57.2%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	482	530	49.3%	55%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	516	430	50.6%	43.8%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	481	573	44.3%	53%		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	89,602
	2015	89,100
Child population under 18	2011	20,956
	2015	20,210
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	23.4%
	2015	22.7%
Child population under 6	2011	7,346
	2015	7,029
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	8.2%
	2015	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2011	4,024
	2015	4,295
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	19.2%
	2015	21.3%
Minority child population under 6	2011	1,584
	2015	1,632
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	7.6%
	2015	8.1%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	37.6%
	2011-2015	38.6%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	60.8%
	2011-2015	60%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	26%
	2011-2015	34.2%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	23.6%
	2011-2015	23.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	28.4%
	2011-2015	29.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	38.8%
	2011-2015	41.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	49%
	2015	45.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$49,847
	2011-2015	\$51,179
Adult unemployment	2011	7.2%
	2015	4.6%
Child homelessness	2011	4.3%
	2015	4.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	88.9
	2016	103.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	29.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	93.5%
	2015	94.1%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	37.7
	2011-2015	35.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	16.9%
	2011-2015	17%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	67.8
	2015	39.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	1.8%
	2015	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	1.6
	2015	3
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	25.4%
	2011-2015	36.4%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	8.2
	2011-2015	9.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	22.2
	2011-2015	16.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	21
	2011-2015	15.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	27.3
	2011-2015	24.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	50%
	2011-2015	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	19.7
	2010-2014	34.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	90.2
	2010-2014	111.5
Uninsured children	2010	5.6%
	2014	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	91.1%
	2015	92.2%

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