

Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 16,393

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,308	1,109	32.5%	29.4%	↑	20.4%	84
Food insecurity for children*	1,150	1,070	27.9%	27%	↑	20.8%	102
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	72	80	6.4%	7.9%	↓	8.0%	65
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	25	24	6	6.3	↓	7.6	56
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	12	10	2.9	2.6	↑	10.2	18
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	28	17	50.8	34.6	↑	25.0	69
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	12	24	3	6.3	↓	4.5	63
Education							
Graduation rate	138	110	79.8%	89.4%	↑	90.2%	98
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	49	56	33.3%	44.8%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	67	64	55.4%	54.2%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	46	61	40%	45.2%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	71	64	45.2%	56.6%		62.2%	

[^]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	16,767
	2015	16,393
Child population under 18	2011	4,061
	2015	3,827
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	24.2%
	2015	23.3%
Child population under 6	2011	1,283
	2015	1,134
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.7%
	2015	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2011	224
	2015	241
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	5.5%
	2015	6.3%
Minority child population under 6	2011	73
	2015	80
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	1.8%
	2015	2.1%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	26.4%
	2011-2015	28.6%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	73.3%
	2011-2015	71.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	26.5%
	2011-2015	27.5%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	32.5%
	2011-2015	29.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	26.2%
	2011-2015	27.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	42.3%
	2011-2015	64.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	45.8%
	2015	35.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$44,683
	2011-2015	\$35,762
Adult unemployment	2011	10.1%
	2015	6.2%
Child homelessness	2011	0%
	2015	2.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	43.3
	2016	77.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.2%
	2015	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	66.5
	2011-2015	94.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	12.1%
	2011-2015	12.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	50.8
	2015	25.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	3%
	2015	3.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	1.5
	2015	3.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	31.4%
	2011-2015	71.7%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	8
	2011-2015	2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	37.9
	2011-2015	51
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	40.6
	2011-2015	30.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	26
	2011-2015	144.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	%
	2011-2015	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	30
	2010-2014	13.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	90
	2010-2014	97.6
Uninsured children	2010	8.7%
	2014	12.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.2%
	2015	95%

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