

Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 11,908

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	846	685	27.4%	24.4%	↑	19.2%	62
Food insecurity for children ^b	850	740	25.9%	24.4%	↑	18.6%	101
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	50	59	6.6%	8.3%	↓	8.2%	75
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	41	19	13.0	6.6	↑	7.2	66
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	23	12	7.3	4.2	↑	9.2	49
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	6	35.0	15.3	↑	23.3	19
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	30	12	9.5	4.2	↑	4.2	39
Education							
Graduation rate	135	122	91.2%	93.8%	↑	91.5%	74
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	56	69	36.1%	42.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	99	78	62.3%	49.1%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	78	75	44.1%	57.7%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	83	78	53.5%	54.2%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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2014
81

2018
60

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	12,345
	2016	11,908
Child population under 18	2012	3,155
	2016	2,872
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	25.6%
	2016	24.1%
Child population under 6	2012	931
	2016	855
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.5%
	2016	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2012	251
	2016	260
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	8.0%
	2016	9.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	77
	2016	82
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	8.3%
	2016	9.6%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	28.1%
	2012-2016	31.8%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	71.6%
	2012-2016	68.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	25.2%
	2012-2016	36.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	27.4%
	2012-2016	21.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	23.7%
	2012-2016	20.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	51.8%
	2012-2016	46.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	45.9%
	2016	37.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$39,750
	2012-2016	\$48,807
Adult unemployment	2012	8.4%
	2016	5.2%
Child homelessness	2012	1.8%
	2016	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	40.3
	2017	46.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	26.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.0%
	2016	95.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	46.0
	2012-2016	23.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	6.8%
	2012-2016	7.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	91.2
	2016	37.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.0%
	2016	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	0.3
	2016	7.0
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	5.3
	2012-2016	5.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	28.7
	2012-2016	33.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.6
	2012-2016	33.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	0.0
	2012-2016	34.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	24.0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	30.8
	2011-2015	59.9
Uninsured children	2011	9.0%
	2015	8.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	95.0%
	2016	95.0%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.