

Buchanan County

County Seat: St. Joseph

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 88,938

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,071	4,614	25.0%	23.5%	↑	19.2%	56
Food insecurity for children ^b	4,660	4,240	22.3%	20.5%	↑	18.6%	48
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	502	470	7.7%	8.1%	↓	8.2%	68
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	272	255	13.0	12.6	↑	7.2	106
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	152	121	7.3	6.0	↑	9.2	79
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	148	108	52.1	40.4	↑	23.3	94
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	209	109	10.0	5.4	↑	4.2	63
Education							
Graduation rate	840	814	89.6%	94.8%	↑	91.5%	61
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	452	639	44.5%	62.6%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	551	515	53.7%	52.4%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	475	522	49.0%	50.4%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	487	537	51.8%	65.5%		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
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2018
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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	89,822
	2016	88,938
Child population under 18	2012	20,800
	2016	20,219
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.2%
	2016	22.7%
Child population under 6	2012	7,310
	2016	6,743
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.1%
	2016	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2012	4,136
	2016	4,119
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	19.9%
	2016	20.4%
Minority child population under 6	2012	1,612
	2016	1,443
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	22.1%
	2016	21.4%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	36.8%
	2012-2016	37.3%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	62.6%
	2012-2016	62.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	34.2%
	2012-2016	24.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	25.0%
	2012-2016	21.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	24.7%
	2012-2016	21.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	38.3%
	2012-2016	41.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	51.6%
	2016	44.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$53,164
	2012-2016	\$50,991
Adult unemployment	2012	5.6%
	2016	4.1%
Child homelessness	2012	4.0%
	2016	3.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	91.3
	2017	80.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	34.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	93.7%
	2016	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	44.3
	2012-2016	48.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.8%
	2012-2016	10.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	68.7
	2016	40.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.4%
	2016	2.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	2.9
	2016	3.4
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	30.7%
	2012-2016	31.1%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	8.3
	2012-2016	8.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	20.8
	2012-2016	17.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	20.8
	2012-2016	12.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	33.4
	2012-2016	42.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	21.3
	2011-2015	28.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	102.7
	2011-2015	112.5
Uninsured children	2011	6.2%
	2015	5.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	91.2%
	2016	92.3%

^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.