

# Butler County

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Composite  
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,252	3,002	33.3%	30.6%	↑	19.2%	92
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,490	2,330	25.0%	23.3%	↑	18.6%	88
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	267	306	9.4%	10.8%	↓	8.2%	109
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	381	208	38.0	20.5	↑	7.2	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	39	48	3.9	4.7	↓	9.2	56
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	93	58	76.4	47.0	↑	23.3	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	105	95	10.4	9.4	↑	4.2	97
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	371	428	78.3%	89.2%	↑	91.5%	104
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	238	340	44.7%	65.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	241	300	50.0%	59.1%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	291	290	54.2%	57.4%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	221	238	47.3%	63.3%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2011 and 2015.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

<sup>d</sup> If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

<sup>e</sup> 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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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	42,997
	2016	42,739
Child population under 18	2012	10,067
	2016	10,090
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.4%
	2016	23.6%
Child population under 6	2012	3,288
	2016	3,285
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.6%
	2016	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2012	1,372
	2016	1,479
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	13.6%
	2016	14.7%
Minority child population under 6	2012	500
	2016	538
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	15.2%
	2016	16.4%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	33.0%
	2012-2016	40.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	66.3%
	2012-2016	58.5%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	32.6%
	2012-2016	36.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	33.3%
	2012-2016	27.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	25.1%
	2012-2016	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	50.0%
	2012-2016	50.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	58.9%
	2016	51.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$37,897
	2012-2016	\$42,305
Adult unemployment	2012	7.3%
	2016	5.7%
Child homelessness	2012	1.7%
	2016	0.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	111.9
	2017	102.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	17.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.5%
	2016	94.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	80.7
	2012-2016	65.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	10.2%
	2012-2016	9.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	63.1
	2016	51.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	4.2%
	2016	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	10.5
	2016	17.0
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	40.5%
	2012-2016	39.2%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	8.8
	2012-2016	7.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	38.7
	2012-2016	35.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	24.1
	2012-2016	26.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	83.1
	2012-2016	81.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	16.7%
	2012-2016	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	58.2
	2011-2015	29.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	156.6
	2011-2015	155.4
Uninsured children	2011	6.9%
	2015	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.8%
	2016	94.0%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.