

# Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

County  
Composite  
Rank

2014  
**78**

2018  
**102**

Population: 16,448

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,296	1,106	32.9%	29.3%	↑	19.2%	86
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,130	960	27.2%	24.5%	↑	18.6%	102
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	77	75	7.0%	7.3%	↓	8.2%	44
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	30	26	7.4	6.8	↑	7.2	70
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	12	5	3.0	1.3	↑	9.2	7
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	18	19	34.6	40.6	↓	23.3	95
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	48	36	11.9	9.4	↑	4.2	95
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	136	87	87.2%	87.0%	↓	91.5%	112
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>a,e</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	43	70	30.9%	54.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	57	88	48.7%	62.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	70	40	45.8%	30.8%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	74	54	48.4%	54.5%		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	16,779
	2016	16,448
Child population under 18	2012	4,029
	2016	3,834
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.0%
	2016	23.3%
Child population under 6	2012	1,260
	2016	1,205
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.5%
	2016	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2012	227
	2016	232
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	5.6%
	2016	6.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	81
	2016	95
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	6.4%
	2016	7.9%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	23.6%
	2012-2016	25.1%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	76.4%
	2012-2016	74.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	48.1%
	2012-2016	19.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	32.9%
	2012-2016	25.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	20.6%
	2012-2016	19.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	43.5%
	2012-2016	61.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	46.2%
	2016	35.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$47,847
	2012-2016	\$40,000
Adult unemployment	2012	8.0%
	2016	5.5%
Child homelessness	2012	2.5%
	2016	2.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	43.7
	2017	77.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.2%
	2016	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	50.6
	2012-2016	75.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	7.6%
	2012-2016	8.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	42.5
	2016	17.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	5.0%
	2016	2.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	5.5
	2016	6.0
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	30.2%
	2012-2016	29.7%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	5.5
	2012-2016	2.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	40.0
	2012-2016	51.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	40.8
	2012-2016	30.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	52.3
	2012-2016	154.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	25.8
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	85.0
	2011-2015	107.1
Uninsured children	2011	9.3%
	2015	9.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.0%
	2016	94.7%

<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.