

# Barton County

County Composite Rank

2015 **93**

2019 **104**

Population: 11,850

County Seat: Lamar

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	849	595	27.8%	21.4%	↑	18.5%	45
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	810	680	25.0%	22.5%	↑	17.4%	93
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	51	57	7.0%	8.2%	↓	8.4%	73
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	42	20	13.3	7.0	↑	7.1	70
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	35	21	11.1	7.3	↑	8.0	100
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	15	44.8	39.6	↑	22.5	98
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	19	7	6.1	2.5	↑	3.3	25
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	139	127	95.9%	87.6%	↓	91.0%	109
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		71		51.1%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		100		65.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		105		66.0%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2012 and 2016.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2013	12,275
	2017	11,850
Child population under 18	2013	3,091
	2017	2,842
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.2%
	2017	24.0%
Child population under 6	2013	855
	2017	856
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.0%
	2017	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2013	253
	2017	262
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	8.2%
	2017	9.2%
Minority child population under 6	2013	74
	2017	81
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	8.7%
	2017	9.5%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	21.4%
	2013-2017	34.3%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	78.3%
	2013-2017	65.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	32.0%
	2017	21.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	23.5%
	2017	19.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.4%
	2013-2017	23.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	51.5%
	2013-2017	44.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	39.6%
	2017	36.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$41,324
	2013-2017	\$49,241
Adult unemployment	2013	7.7%
	2017	4.2%
Child homelessness	2013	2.1%
	2017	1.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	44.3
	2018	48.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	10.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.5%
	2018	95.3%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.1
	2013-2017	23.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	5.8%
	2013-2017	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	46.1
	2017	30.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.1%
	2017	2.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	5.5
	2017	1.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.5
	2013-2017	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	18.6
	2013-2017	34.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	22.5
	2013-2017	33.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
	2013-2017	35.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	22.9**
	2012-2016	18.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	33.2
	2012-2016	59.4
Uninsured children	2012	8.9%
	2016	6.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.4%
	2017	94.8%

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

<sup>b</sup> \* Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).