

# Bates County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,074	800	27.9%	21.3%	↑	18.5%	44
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	980	790	23.1%	19.7%	↑	17.4%	57
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	76	71	7.7%	7.5%	↑	8.4%	49
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	27	25	6.7	6.4	↑	7.1	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	28	20	6.9	5.1	↑	8.0	74
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	12	50.6	24.7	↑	22.5	54
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	17	25	4.3	6.4	↓	3.3	85
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	194	168	91.5%	92.8%	↑	91.0%	64
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		135		68.5%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		125		64.4%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		119		58.0%		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			Education		
Total population	2013	16,550	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	50.4
	2017	16,334		2018	46.4
Child population under 18	2013	3,957	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	3,877		2018	11.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.0%
	2017	23.7%		2018	95.3%
Child population under 6	2013	1,215	Family & Community		
	2017	1,157	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	35.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.4%		2013-2017	0.0
	2017	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	249		2013-2017	7.8%
	2017	282	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	34.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	6.3%		2017	28.1
	2017	7.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.6%
Minority child population under 6	2013	113		2017	1.8%
	2017	104	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	6.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	9.3%		2017	1.5
	2017	9.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	27.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.1
	2013-2017	29.0%		2013-2017	2.1
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	70.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	37.9
	2013-2017	70.1%		2013-2017	25.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	40.4
Children in poverty under 6	2013	13.5%		2013-2017	30.3
	2017	22.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	27.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	24.5%		2013-2017	0.0
	2017	20.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	31.0%		2013-2017	%
	2013-2017	24.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	8.6**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	46.6%		2012-2016	27.6*
	2013-2017	37.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	58.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	37.3%		2012-2016	52.9
	2017	29.6%	Uninsured children	2012	10.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$44,697		2016	7.4%
	2013-2017	\$63,073	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.1%
Adult unemployment	2013	7.3%		2017	94.8%
	2017	4.4%			
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%			
	2017	0.0%			

<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).