

Buchanan County

County Composite Rank

2015 **69**

2019 **101**

Population: 89,065

County Seat: St. Joseph

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,158	4,227	25.7%	21.6%	↑	18.5%	49
Food insecurity for children ^b	4,470	4,020	21.3%	19.6%	↑	17.4%	55
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	500	480	7.9%	8.4%	↓	8.4%	83
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	231	214	11.1	10.6	↑	7.1	102
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	173	106	8.3	5.2	↑	8.0	76
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	118	107	42.8	39.8	↑	22.5	99
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	136	79	6.6	3.9	↑	3.3	48
Education							
Graduation rate	833	804	93.9%	87.9%	↓	91.0%	107
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		714		65.0%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		565		56.3%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		498		48.6%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d 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	89,631
	2017	89,065
Child population under 18	2013	20,710
	2017	20,244
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.1%
	2017	22.7%
Child population under 6	2013	7,233
	2017	6,777
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.1%
	2017	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	4,158
	2017	4,326
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	20.1%
	2017	21.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	1,644
	2017	1,507
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	22.7%
	2017	22.2%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	36.9%
	2013-2017	37.0%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	61.8%
	2013-2017	61.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	42.5%
	2017	28.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	22.4%
	2017	19.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.0%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	38.8%
	2013-2017	41.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	49.4%
	2017	43.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$53,060
	2013-2017	\$53,501
Adult unemployment	2013	5.5%
	2017	3.5%
Child homelessness	2013	4.2%
	2017	3.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	89.1
	2018	74.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	26.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	93.5%
	2018	94.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	45.2
	2013-2017	53.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.0%
	2013-2017	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	57.0
	2017	49.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.0%
	2017	3.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	2.5
	2017	2.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.4
	2013-2017	8.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	18.1
	2013-2017	21.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	16.1
	2013-2017	12.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	29.3
	2013-2017	66.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	0.0%
	2013-2017	83.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	21.1
	2012-2016	27.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	120.4
	2012-2016	115.1
Uninsured children	2012	7.3%
	2016	4.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	91.3%
	2017	92.7%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).