

# Butler County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **107**

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County Seat: Poplar Bluff

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,098	3,104	31.6%	32.0%	↓	18.5%	100
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,480	2,200	24.8%	21.9%	↑	17.4%	88
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	282	291	9.7%	10.7%	↓	8.4%	107
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	361	205	35.9	20.3	↑	7.1	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	40	49	4.0	4.9	↓	8.0	71
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	72	49	58.4	39.1	↑	22.5	97
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	79	70	7.8	7.0	↑	3.3	88
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	413	461	85.7%	92.9%	↑	91.0%	63
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		390		72.5%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		253		54.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		268		52.2%		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	43,083
	2017	42,666
Child population under 18	2013	10,094
	2017	10,025
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.4%
	2017	23.5%
Child population under 6	2013	3,279
	2017	3,270
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.6%
	2017	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	1,375
	2017	1,507
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	13.7%
	2017	15.0%
Minority child population under 6	2013	507
	2017	528
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	15.5%
	2017	16.1%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	36.6%
	2013-2017	40.5%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	61.0%
	2013-2017	57.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	34.5%
	2017	27.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	28.1%
	2017	29.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.6%
	2013-2017	28.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	50.3%
	2013-2017	48.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	54.6%
	2017	49.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$38,510
	2013-2017	\$46,821
Adult unemployment	2013	6.6%
	2017	4.6%
Child homelessness	2013	1.4%
	2017	1.5%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	110.3
	2018	102.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	13.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.4%
	2018	94.2%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	96.5
	2013-2017	57.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.0%
	2013-2017	9.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	43.0
	2017	44.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	3.6%
	2017	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	14.6
	2017	11.0

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	7.2
	2013-2017	7.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	44.0
	2013-2017	31.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	26.4
	2013-2017	26.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	138.7
	2013-2017	57.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	16.7%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	48.9
	2012-2016	28.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	169.9
	2012-2016	159.1
Uninsured children	2012	7.5%
	2016	4.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.9%
	2017	93.9%

<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).