

Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

County
Composite
Rank

2016
68

2020
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Population: 11,850

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	827	642	28.1%	23.9%	↑	18.3%	71
Food insecurity for children ^b	780	610	24.5%	20.9%	↑	17.5%	87
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	55	58	7.7%	8.4%	↓	8.5%	73
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	32	19	10.0	6.7	↑	7.1	66
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	9	18	2.8	6.3	↓	7.5	98
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	17	13	41.3	35.7	↑	21.6	91
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	31	7	9.9	2.5	↑	4.0	16
Education							
High school graduation	154	138	93.3%	87.3%	↓	91.3%	108
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		52		41.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		72		50.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		68		49.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		54		41.2%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	12,057
	2018	11,850
Child population under 18	2014	3,131
	2018	2,751
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.7%
	2018	24.2%
Child population under 6	2014	818
	2018	819
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.8%
	2018	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	264
	2018	245
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	8.9%
	2018	8.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	81
	2018	81
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	9.9%
	2018	9.9%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	20.8%
	2014-2018	33.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	78.3%
	2014-2018	66.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.4%
	2018	28.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	25.1%
	2014-2018	19.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	28.6%
	2014-2018	26.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	49.0%
	2014-2018	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	37.7%
	2018	36.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$45,650
	2014-2018	\$52,375
Adult unemployment	2014	6.4%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	3.5%
	2018	2.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	45.6
	2019	46.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	11.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.2%
	2018	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.3
	2014-2018	24.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	6.1%
	2014-2018	9.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	47.2
	2018	44.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.3%
	2018	2.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.4
	2018	1.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	2.8
	2014-2018	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	31.4
	2014-2018	14.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	38.1
	2014-2018	7.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	0.0
	2014-2018	35.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	5.1**
	2013-2017	34.0*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	33.9
	2013-2017	57.9
Uninsured children	2013	9.3%
	2017	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	94.7%

^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)