

# Butler County

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County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,177	2,932	32.2%	30.2%	↑	18.3%	97
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,510	2,130	25.0%	21.3%	↑	17.5%	91
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	299	277	10.5%	10.5%	→	8.5%	108
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	316	143	31.4	14.3	↑	7.1	112
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	47	63	4.7	6.3	↓	7.5	96
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	47	61	38.6	49.5	↓	21.6	111
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	108	104	10.8	10.4	↑	4.0	100
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	413	460	87.1%	93.1%	↑	91.3%	63
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		317		61.2%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		215		43.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		231		42.8%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		173		29.4%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2013 and 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

<sup>d</sup> 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	42,972
	2018	42,733
Child population under 18	2014	10,022
	2018	10,012
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.5%
	2018	23.6%
Child population under 6	2014	3,332
	2018	3,272
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.8%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	1,371
	2018	1,510
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	13.6%
	2018	15.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	507
	2018	536
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	15.2%
	2018	16.4%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	34.7%
	2014-2018	41.8%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	62.0%
	2014-2018	54.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	38.4%
	2018	34.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	28.8%
	2014-2018	28.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	30.1%
	2014-2018	30.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	51.4%
	2014-2018	47.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	50.1%
	2018	49.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$39,096
	2014-2018	\$50,074
Adult unemployment	2014	6.9%
	2018	4.6%
Child homelessness	2014	1.6%
	2018	1.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	94.4
	2019	95.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	14.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	94.0%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	98.1
	2014-2018	50.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.6%
	2014-2018	9.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	42.6
	2018	40.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.7%
	2018	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	18.2
	2018	11.3

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	7.7
	2014-2018	6.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	41.8
	2014-2018	31.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	26.2
	2014-2018	20.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	126.4
	2014-2018	67.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	16.7%
	2014-2018	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	32
	2013-2017	27.6*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	141.6
	2013-2017	143.2
Uninsured children	2013	6.8%
	2017	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.4%
	2018	93.4%

<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)