

# Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

County  
Composite  
Rank

60

2018

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2022

Population: 11,732

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	685	605	24.4%	22.9%	↑	15.5%	76
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	740	530	24.4%	18.9%	↑	15.1%	81
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	52	56	7.1%	8.4%	↓	8.7%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	19	10	6.6	3.7	↑	7.1	13
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	12	8	4.2	3	↑	6.2	46
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	11	15.3	31.9	↓	18.8	89
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	12	10	4.2	3.7	↑	3.2	51
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	122	143	93.8%	92.9%	↓	91.3%	67
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

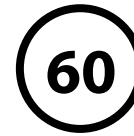
<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	11,908
	2020	11,732
Child population under 18	2016	2,872
	2020	2,702
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.1%
	2020	23.3%
Child population under 6	2016	855
	2020	814
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.2%
	2020	7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	260
	2020	233
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	9.1%
	2020	8.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	82
	2020	71
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9.6%
	2020	8.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31.8%
	2016-2020	20.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68%
	2016-2020	68.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	36.8%
	2020	20.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	26.9%
	2016-2020	21.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	29%
	2016-2020	27.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	48%
	2016-2020	40.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	37.6%
	2020	34.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$42,950
	2016-2020	\$55,721
Adult unemployment	2016	5.2%
	2020	4.9%
Child homelessness	2016	1.4%
	2020	2.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	46
	2021	23.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	26.5%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	94.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	23.6
	2016-2020	0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.14%
	2016-2020	8.96%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	37
	2020	45
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.2%
	2020	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	7
	2020	4.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.1
	2016-2020	4.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	39.3
	2016-2020	7.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	41.7
	2016-2020	7.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	42.8
	2016-2020	0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	23.5
	2015-2019	29.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	55.2
	2015-2019	45.5
Uninsured children	2015	8.3%
	2019	9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95%
	2020	94.4%

<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).