

Bates County

County Seat: Butler

County
Composite
Rank

42

2018

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2022

Population: 16,282

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	746	694	19.6%	19.2%	↑	15.5%	56
Food insecurity for children ^b	890	610	22%	15.8%	↑	15.1%	43
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	75	57	7.8%	6.2%	↑	8.7%	12
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	18	22	4.5	5.9	↓	7.1	55
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	22	18	5.6	4.8	↑	6.2	89
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	9	27.6	19.9	↑	18.8	47
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	20	17	5.1	4.6	↑	3.2	65
Education							
High school graduation	204	156	96.7%	94%	↓	91.3%	55
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
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

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d 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	16,417
	2020	16,282
Child population under 18	2016	3,917
	2020	3,722
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.9%
	2020	22.9%
Child population under 6	2016	1,191
	2020	1,152
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.3%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	276
	2020	309
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7%
	2020	8.3%
Minority child population under 6	2016	113
	2020	105
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9.5%
	2020	9.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	35.2%
	2016-2020	20.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	64.5%
	2016-2020	64.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	19.7%
	2020	21.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	22.5%
	2016-2020	18%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	30.1%
	2016-2020	24.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	45.4%
	2016-2020	42.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	29.6%
	2020	25.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$47,500
	2016-2020	\$59,205
Adult unemployment	2016	5.3%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	0.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	46
	2021	24.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	11.1%
	2021	21.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.3%
	2020	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.2
	2016-2020	19.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.7%
	2016-2020	9.72%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	21.4
	2020	26.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.8%
	2020	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.9
	2020	3.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	1
	2016-2020	4.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.8
	2016-2020	22.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.3
	2016-2020	22.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32.9
	2016-2020	0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	26.8
	2015-2019	12.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	56.8
	2015-2019	64.5
Uninsured children	2015	7.5%
	2019	9.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.5%
	2020	94.3%

^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).