

Butler County

County Seat: Poplar Bluff

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,002	2,529	30.6%	26.7%	↑	15.5%	92
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,330	2,520	23.3%	25.1%	↓	15.1%	109
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	295	292	10.5%	10.9%	↓	8.7%	111
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	208	91	20.5	9.3	↑	7.1	104
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	48	35	4.7	3.6	↑	6.2	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	58	58	47	46.4	↑	18.8	112
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	95	53	9.4	5.4	↑	3.2	81
Education							
High school graduation	428	431	89.2%	92.1%	↑	91.3%	76
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	42,739
	2020	42,570
Child population under 18	2016	10,090
	2020	9,760
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.6%
	2020	23.1%
Child population under 6	2016	3,285
	2020	3,154
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.7%
	2020	7.5%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,479
	2020	1,569
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	14.7%
	2020	16.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	538
	2020	587
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	16.4%
	2020	18.6%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	40.5%
	2016-2020	32.4%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	58.5%
	2016-2020	52.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	36.3%
	2020	29.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	36.7%
	2016-2020	26.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	29.4%
	2016-2020	29%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	49.1%
	2016-2020	50.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	51.2%
	2020	48.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$43,342
	2016-2020	\$46,176
Adult unemployment	2016	5.7%
	2020	6.3%
Child homelessness	2016	0.8%
	2020	2.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	102.2
	2021	92.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	17.7%
	2021	15.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.6%
	2020	93.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	69.6
	2016-2020	85.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.46%
	2016-2020	10.68%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	51.3
	2020	42.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.6%
	2020	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	17
	2020	7.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	6.7
	2016-2020	7.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.1
	2016-2020	32.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	31.4
	2016-2020	16.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	84
	2016-2020	74.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	33.3%
	2016-2020	40%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	30.9
	2015-2019	52.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	158.5
	2015-2019	133.5
Uninsured children	2015	6.3%
	2019	6.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94%
	2020	93.3%

^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).