

# Barton County

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Composite  
Rank

104<sup>2019</sup>

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	595	561	21.4%	20.8%	↑	16.5%	60
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	680	540	22.5%	19.2%	↑	15.4%	82
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	59	51	8.3%	7.7%	↑	8.8%	49
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	20	8	7.0	2.9	↑	5.0	16
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	21	8	7.3	2.9	↑	3.6	78
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	6	39.6	16.3	↑	17.0	39
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	7	17	2.5	6.2	↓	3.0	87
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	127	140	87.6%	90.3%	↑	90.8%	86
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	42	—	34.4		41.4%	97
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	49	—	32.2		44.9%	103
4th grade math (MAP)	—	46	—	37.7		36.8%	59
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	45	—	29.6		26.8%	63

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<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 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	11,850	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	48.6
	2020	11,658		2022	21.4
Child population under 18	2017	2,842	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	11.7%
	2021	2,761		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	23.7%		2021	94.0
Child population under 6	2017	856	Family & Community		
	2021	818	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	23.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.1%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	262		2017-2021	13.6%
	2021	322	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	30.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	9.2%		2021	44.1
	2021	11.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.5%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	81		2021	3.0%
	2021	94	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	1.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	9.5%		2021	4.7
	2021	11.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	34.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.6
	2017-2021	21.7%		2017-2021	3.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	65.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.4
	2017-2021	69.9%		2017-2021	22.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.1
Children in poverty under 6	2017	21.0%		2017-2021	28.8
	2021	23.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	34.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	19.2%		2017-2021	0.0
	2017-2021	19.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.7%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	27.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	24**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	44.1%		2016-2020	34.7*
	2017-2021	42.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	45.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	36.4%		2016-2020	83.2
	2021	32.1%	Uninsured children	2016	6.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$49,241		2020	9.9%
	2017-2021	\$51,384	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.8%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.2%		2021	92.0%
	2021	3.4%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	1.0%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	1.0%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		