

# Bates County

County Seat: Butler

County  
Composite  
Rank

56

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Population: 16,105

| Outcome Measures   | Number |      | Rate  |       | Trend | Rank       |             |
|--|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
|  | 2017   | 2021 | 2017  | 2021  |       | State Rate | County Rank |
| <b>Economic Well-Being</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Children under 18 in poverty   | 800    | 688  | 21.3% | 18.8% | ↑     | 16.5%      | 41          |
| Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>  | 790    | 620  | 19.7% | 16.0% | ↑     | 15.4%      | 44          |
| <b>Health</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>  | 72     | 58   | 7.7%  | 6.2%  | ↑     | 8.8%       | 14          |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup> | 25     | 33   | 6.4   | 8.8   | ↓     | 5.0        | 110         |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>   | 20     | 21   | 5.1   | 5.6   | ↓     | 3.6        | 111         |
| <b>Family &amp; Community</b>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)  | 12     | 11   | 24.7  | 22.3  | ↑     | 17.0       | 63          |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>                           | 25     | 8    | 6.4   | 2.1   | ↑     | 3.0        | 19          |
| <b>Education</b>   |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| High school graduation   | 168    | 177  | 92.8% | 95.2% | ↑     | 90.8%      | 40          |
| Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>  |        |      |       |       |       |            |             |
| 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)  | —      | 61   | —     | 40.7  |       | 41.4%      | 58          |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP)  | —      | 89   | —     | 49.7  |       | 44.9%      | 24          |
| 4th grade math (MAP)   | —      | 58   | —     | 38.7  |       | 36.8%      | 56          |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam)   | —      | 61   | —     | 37.2  |       | 26.8%      | 29          |

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

|   |           |        |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Total population  | 2017      | 16,334 |
|   | 2020      | 16,105 |
| Child population under 18   | 2017      | 3,877  |
|   | 2021      | 3,771  |
| Children under 18 as % of total population                                      | 2017      | 23.7%  |
|   | 2021      | 23.4%  |
| Child population under 6  | 2017      | 1,157  |
|   | 2021      | 1,186  |
| Children under 6 as % of total population                                       | 2017      | 7.1%   |
|   | 2021      | 7.4%   |
| Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>                                 | 2017      | 282    |
|   | 2021      | 427    |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>        | 2017      | 7.3%   |
|   | 2021      | 11.3%  |
| Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>                                  | 2017      | 104    |
|   | 2021      | 161    |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup> | 2017      | 9.0%   |
|   | 2021      | 13.6%  |
| Children in single-parent families  | 2012-2016 | 29.0%  |
|   | 2017-2021 | 22.2%  |
| Children in married-parent families   | 2012-2016 | 70.1%  |
|   | 2017-2021 | 56.7%  |

### Economic Well-being

|   |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6                                       | 2017      | 22.2%    |
|   | 2021      | 11.1%    |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17                                    | 2012-2016 | 20.4%    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 17.9%    |
| Housing cost-burdened households                                  | 2012-2016 | 24.7%    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 22.2%    |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2012-2016 | 37.9%    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 42.6%    |
| Children in families receiving SNAP                               | 2017      | 29.6%    |
|   | 2021      | 24.6%    |
| Median income family household with children under 18             | 2012-2016 | \$63,073 |
|   | 2017-2021 | \$61,683 |
| Adult unemployment  | 2017      | 4.4%     |
|   | 2021      | 4.3%     |
| Child homelessness  | 2017      | 0.0%     |
|   | 2021      | 0.5%     |

### Education

|  |      |       |
|--|------|-------|
| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)                 | 2017 | 46.4  |
|  | 2022 | 19.1  |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2017 | 13.2% |
|  | 2022 | 27.8% |
| School attendance, grades K-12                           | 2017 | 95.3  |
|  | 2021 | 95.2  |

### Family & Community

|  |           |       |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2012-2016 | 0.0   |
|  | 2017-2021 | 0.0   |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18     | 2012-2016 | 13.5% |
|  | 2017-2021 | 16.6% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)   | 2017      | 28.1  |
|  | 2021      | 20.6  |
| Annual high school dropout rate                            | 2017      | 1.8%  |
|  | 2021      | 0.9%  |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)    | 2017      | 1.5   |
|  | 2021      | 5.6   |

### Health

|   |           |        |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Infant mortality (per 1,000)  | 2012-2016 | 1.1    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 4.3    |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)  | 2012-2016 | 15.0   |
|   | 2017-2021 | 16.7   |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)  | 2012-2016 | 18.2   |
|   | 2017-2021 | 20.8   |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)   | 2012-2016 | 0.0    |
|   | 2017-2021 | 0.0    |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>           | 2012-2016 | —%     |
|   | 2017-2021 | —%     |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>           | 2011-2015 | 27.2*  |
|   | 2016-2020 | 15.3** |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2011-2015 | 64.5   |
|   | 2016-2020 | 95.9   |
| Uninsured children  | 2016      | 7.4%   |
|   | 2020      | 8.6%   |
| School attendance, grades 9-12  | 2017      | 94.8%  |
|   | 2021      | 93.9%  |

<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).