

Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

County
Composite
Rank

2020
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Population: 11,694

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	642	560	23.9%	21.0%	↑	16.8%	68
Food insecurity for children ^b	610	430	20.9%	15.4%	↑	12.8%	78
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	57	52	8.2%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	49
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	19	7	6.7	2.6	↑	6.3	9
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	18	9	6.3	3.3	↑	5.1	62
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	7	35.7	18.9	↑	16.8	53
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	7	9	2.5	3.3	↓	2.7	49
Education							
High school graduation	138	133	87.3%	93.0%	↑	91.2%	63
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	52	43	41.6	38.4		41.0%	65
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	72	52	50.0	35.9		41.9%	81
4th grade math (MAP)	68	72	49.6	55.4		43.0%	12
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	54	111	41.2	44.2		41.2%	28

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	11,850	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	46.5
	2021	11,694		2023	43.7
Child population under 18	2018	2,751	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	11.7%
	2022	2,726		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	23.3%		2022	93.6
Child population under 6	2018	819	Family & Community		
	2022	829	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.9%		2018-2022	73.3
	2022	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.1%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	245		2018-2022	11.5%
	2022	321	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	44.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	8.9%		2022	38.3
	2022	11.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	2.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	81		2022	2.3%
	2022	96	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	1.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	9.9%		2022	8.1
	2022	11.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	34.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.8
	2018-2022	21.3%		2018-2022	3.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	65.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	34.1
	2018-2022	73.5%		2018-2022	30.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	33.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	28.9%		2018-2022	29.4
	2022	16.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	35.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	19.9%		2018-2022	36.5
	2022	17.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	23.7%		2018-2022	0.0%
	2018-2022	28.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	18.4**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	44.1%		2017-2021	21.0**
	2018-2022	43.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	59.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	36.6%		2017-2021	88.3
	2022	30.9%	Uninsured children	2017	7.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$49,241		2021	8.0%
	2018-2022	\$\$64,583	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%		2022	92.7%
	2022	2.3%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages. ^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	2.8%			
	2022	1.8%			