

Bates County

County Seat: Butler

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	748	749	20.3%	20.5%	↓	16.8%	64
Food insecurity for children ^b	720	600	18.1%	15.6%	↑	12.8%	80
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	71	61	7.5%	6.7%	↑	8.9%	23
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	26	27	6.7	7.2	↓	6.3	91
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	25	23	6.4	6.1	↑	5.1	105
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	10	32.0	20.0	↑	16.8	55
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	16	5	4.2	1.3	↑	2.7	12
Education							
High school graduation	184	183	94.8%	93.4%	↓	91.2%	61
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	105	70	51.5	41.7		41.0%	47
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	91	85	42.9	41.3		41.9%	48
4th grade math (MAP)	99	76	49.7	44.2		43.0%	47
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	74	59	35.9	31.6		41.2%	85

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	16,374	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	39.9
	2021	16,177		2023	24.5
Child population under 18	2018	3,805	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	13.2%
	2022	3,761		2023	21.7%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	23.3%		2022	93.9
Child population under 6	2018	1,168	Family & Community		
	2022	1,160	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%		2018-2022	36.4
	2022	7.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	265		2018-2022	15.6%
	2022	386	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	35.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.0%		2022	16.7
	2022	10.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	93		2022	1.0%
	2022	116	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.0%		2022	2.4
	2022	10.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	2.1
	2018-2022	21.4%		2018-2022	3.3
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	70.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	25.1
	2018-2022	61.7%		2018-2022	5.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	30.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	18.8%		2018-2022	6.9
	2022	28.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	18.7%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	19.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.7%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	25.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	27.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	37.9%		2017-2021	20.4**
	2018-2022	45.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	52.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	28.5%		2017-2021	95.0
	2022	24.2%	Uninsured children	2017	6.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$63,073		2021	8.6%
	2018-2022	\$\$55,521	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.8%		2022	92.9%
	2022	2.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	0.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		