

Butler County

County Seat: Poplar Bluff

County
Composite
Rank

107²⁰²⁰

108²⁰²⁴

Population: 42,179

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,932	2,533	30.2%	26.5%	↑	16.8%	100
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,130	1,990	21.3%	19.8%	↑	12.8%	104
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	291	273	10.7%	10.4%	↑	8.9%	108
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	143	56	14.3	5.7	↑	6.3	65
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	63	45	6.3	4.6	↑	5.1	87
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	61	49	49.5	35.7	↑	16.8	107
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	104	95	10.4	9.6	↑	2.7	109
Education							
High school graduation	460	453	93.1%	91.9%	↓	91.2%	78
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	317	288	61.2	59.4		41.0%	6
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	215	198	43.2	39.6		41.9%	57
4th grade math (MAP)	231	211	42.8	41.5		43.0%	63
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	173	244	29.4	38.4		41.2%	53

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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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	42,733
	2021	42,179
Child population under 18	2018	10,012
	2022	9,850
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.6%
	2022	23.4%
Child population under 6	2018	3,272
	2022	3,155
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%
	2022	7.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	1,510
	2022	1,849
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	15.1%
	2022	18.8%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	536
	2022	660
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	16.4%
	2022	20.9%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	40.5%
	2018-2022	29.4%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	57.4%
	2018-2022	53.1%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.8%
	2022	34.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	28.0%
	2022	24.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	28.9%
	2018-2022	30.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	48.4%
	2018-2022	56.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	49.2%
	2022	46.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$46,821
	2018-2022	\$\$48,665
Adult unemployment	2018	4.6%
	2022	2.9%
Child homelessness	2018	1.8%
	2022	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	95.4
	2023	105.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	14.3%
	2023	13.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.0
	2022	91.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.7
	2018-2022	57.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.7%
	2018-2022	17.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	40.7
	2022	43.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
	2022	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	11.3
	2022	13.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	7.0
	2018-2022	9.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	31.9
	2018-2022	30.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	26.6
	2018-2022	21.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.0
	2018-2022	69.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	25.0%
	2018-2022	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	28.9*
	2017-2021	57.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	159.1
	2017-2021	173.0
Uninsured children	2017	5.3%
	2021	7.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.4%
	2022	91.0%

^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).