

Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

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	993	926	25.5%	22.4%	↑	16.8%	74
Food insecurity for children ^b	760	710	19.6%	17.2%	↑	12.8%	96
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	83	86	8.0%	7.9%	↑	8.9%	53
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	33	20	8.3	4.7	↑	6.3	40
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1	6	0.3	1.4	↓	5.1	24
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	14	29.0	26.5	↑	16.8	80
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	21	21	5.3	5.0	↑	2.7	79
Education							
High school graduation	105	118	96.3%	95.9%	↓	91.2%	33
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	43	40	34.1	31.0		41.0%	100
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	59	74	41.0	47.1		41.9%	16
4th grade math (MAP)	59	41	36.4	39.4		43.0%	75
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	46	20	37.4	16.4		41.2%	113

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	16,499	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	62.6
	2021	17,626		2023	63.3
Child population under 18	2018	3,959	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	4,216		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.3
	2022	23.9%		2022	93.2
Child population under 6	2018	1,294	Family & Community		
	2022	1,378	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	84.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%		2018-2022	71.5
	2022	7.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	242		2018-2022	7.8%
	2022	390	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	7.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	6.1%		2022	31.0
	2022	9.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	94		2022	0.4%
	2022	132	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	7.3%		2022	3.8
	2022	9.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	27.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.8
	2018-2022	21.3%		2018-2022	13.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	51.4
	2018-2022	73.2%		2018-2022	39.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	24.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	22.8%		2018-2022	36.9
	2022	19.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	181.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	24.8%		2018-2022	53.1
	2022	21.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	33.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	18.0%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	25.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	9.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	55.8%		2017-2021	13.8**
	2018-2022	48.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	113.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	34.7%		2017-2021	125.9
	2022	26.4%	Uninsured children	2017	8.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$43,141		2021	8.5%
	2018-2022	\$\$60,759	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.9%		2022	93.7%
	2022	2.7%	^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	2.6%			
	2022	3.5%			