

Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

Population: 11,731

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2019 | 2023 | 2019 | 2023 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 573 | 589 | 21.6% | 22.0% | ↓ | 14.7% | 88 |
| Food insecurity for children ^a | 550 | 560 | 19.1% | 20.3% | ↓ | 18.7% | 76 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^b | 50 | 60 | 9.1% | 8.6% | ↑ | 8.9% | 80 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b | 6 | 17 | 2.2 | 6.2 | ↓ | 7.1 | 64 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a | 7 | 3 | 2.6 | 1.1 | ↑ | 5.5 | 12 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 9 | 7 | 25.8 | 18.4 | ↑ | 15.9 | 53 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) | 4 | 1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | ↑ | 2.9 | 3 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 130 | 123 | 88.4% | 90.5% | ↑ | 91.3% | 95 |
| Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 49 | 35 | 44.5% | 27.6% | ↓ | 42.2% | 110 |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP) | 62 | 46 | 44.0% | 35.4% | ↓ | 42.3% | 83 |
| 4th grade math (MAP) | 59 | 50 | 45.4% | 44.6% | ↓ | 43.7% | 47 |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam) | 41 | 37 | 27.2% | 30.6% | ↑ | 40.1% | 89 |

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

| Demographics | | | Education | | |
|---|-----------|----------|---|-----------|--------|
| Total population | 2019 | 11,754 | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2019 | 46.5 |
| | 2022 | 11,731 | | 2024 | 21.5 |
| Child population under 18 | 2019 | 2,725 | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2019 | % |
| | 2023 | 2,743 | | 2024 | 0.0% |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2019 | 23.2% | School attendance, grades K-12 | 2019 | 95.0 |
| | 2023 | 23.4% | | 2023 | 93.8 |
| Child population under 6 | 2019 | 824 | Family & Community | | |
| | 2023 | 823 | Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 24.3 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2019 | 7.0% | | 2019-2023 | 72.6 |
| | 2023 | 7.0% | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | 9.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 ^a | 2019 | 233 | | 2019-2023 | 11.1% |
| | 2023 | 291 | Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2019 | 52.3 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a | 2019 | 8.6% | | 2023 | 36.0 |
| | 2023 | 10.6% | Annual high school dropout rate | 2019 | 2.5% |
| Minority child population under 6 ^a | 2019 | 72 | | 2023 | 2.0% |
| | 2023 | 81 | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2019 | 3.7 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a | 2019 | 8.7% | | 2023 | 2.9 |
| | 2023 | 9.8% | Health | | |
| Children in single-parent families | 2013-2018 | 33.1% | Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2013-2018 | 5.8 |
| | 2019-2023 | 19.2% | | 2019-2023 | 4.3 |
| Children in married-parent families | 2013-2018 | 66.1% | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 14.0 |
| | 2019-2023 | 76.0% | | 2019-2023 | 38.3 |
| Economic Well-being | | | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 7.6 |
| Children under 6 in families in poverty | 2019 | 28.0% | | 2019-2023 | 39.1 |
| | 2023 | 32.3% | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2013-2018 | 35.7 |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty | 2019 | 19.9% | | 2019-2023 | 35.4 |
| | 2023 | 20.4% | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b | 2013-2018 | % |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2013-2018 | 26.3% | | 2019-2023 | 0.0% |
| | 2019-2023 | 25.7% | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c | 2012-2017 | 34.0* |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2013-2018 | 43.2% | | 2018-2022 | 20.9** |
| | 2019-2023 | 42.6% | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2012-2017 | 57.9 |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2019 | 32.4% | | 2018-2022 | 8.5 |
| | 2023 | 30.1% | Uninsured children | 2018 | 6.9% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2013-2018 | \$52,375 | | 2022 | 7.6% |
| | 2019-2023 | \$71,587 | School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2019 | 94.1% |
| Adult unemployment | 2019 | 3.4% | | 2023 | 92.8% |
| | 2023 | 3.0% | | | |
| Child homelessness | 2019 | 2.8% | | | |
| | 2023 | 0.7% | | | |

^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).