

Bates County

County Seat: Butler

Population: 16,242

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	914	601	25.4%	16.4%	↑	14.7%	43
Food insecurity for children ^a	620	840	15.8%	22.2%	↓	18.7%	96
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	48	68	6.6%	7.2%	↓	8.9%	31
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	15	27	4.0	7.2	↓	7.1	83
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	21	17	5.6	4.5	↑	5.5	88
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	6	29.5	11.3	↑	15.9	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	2	14	0.5	3.7	↓	2.9	60
Education							
High school graduation	170	173	91.9%	95.9%	↑	91.3%	42
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	84	66	52.8%	37.5%	↓	42.2%	80
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	106	61	54.4%	29.2%	↓	42.3%	104
4th grade math (MAP)	104	74	52.0%	41.6%	↓	43.7%	66
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	72	69	28.0%	32.5%	↑	40.1%	79

^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	16,172	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	39.9
	2022	16,242		2024	10.6
Child population under 18	2019	3,720	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	21.7%
	2023	3,757		2024	50.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.5
	2023	23.1%		2023	93.7
Child population under 6	2019	1,169	Family & Community		
	2023	1,142	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.2%		2019-2023	37.9
	2023	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	269		2019-2023	14.1%
	2023	393	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	26.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	7.2%		2023	25.5
	2023	10.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	88		2023	1.3%
	2023	121	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	4.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	7.5%		2023	6.7
	2023	10.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	30.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	3.3
	2019-2023	21.2%		2019-2023	4.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	68.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	20.4
	2019-2023	64.5%		2019-2023	5.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	21.9%		2019-2023	7.0
	2023	31.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	25.4%		2019-2023	0.0
	2023	15.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.4%		2019-2023	0.0%
	2019-2023	27.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	16.5**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	41.5%		2018-2022	20.4**
	2019-2023	39.7%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	52.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	26.5%		2018-2022	9.8
	2023	23.2%	Uninsured children	2018	7.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$60,179		2022	8.5%
	2019-2023	\$70,500	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2019	4.0%		2023	92.9%
	2023	3.2%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	0.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.7%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		