

# Butler County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,382	2,350	35.3%	24.6%	↑	14.7%	96
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	2,350	2,450	23.3%	24.8%	↓	18.7%	106
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>b</sup>	220	269	10.4%	10.3%	↑	8.9%	108
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	127	49	12.8	5.0	↑	7.1	29
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	49	28	5.0	2.8	↑	5.5	57
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	55	50	44.7	36.3	↑	15.9	107
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	108	76	10.9	7.7	↑	2.9	100
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	400	450	92.8%	92.8%	↓	91.3%	82
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	338	284	71.5%	57.8%	↓	42.2%	2
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	208	184	41.6%	36.2%	↓	42.3%	78
4th grade math (MAP)	252	216	48.0%	43.9%	↓	43.7%	54
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	171	217	33.6%	36.7%	↑	40.1%	63

<sup>a</sup> Data based on 2018 and 2022.

<sup>b</sup> 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	42,478	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	95.4
	2022	41,948		2024	79.4
Child population under 18	2019	9,889	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	15.2%
	2023	9,839		2024	17.5%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.1
	2023	23.5%		2023	91.6
Child population under 6	2019	3,155	Family & Community		
	2023	3,150	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	50.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.4%		2019-2023	56.7
	2023	7.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	9.5%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2019	1,467		2019-2023	16.4%
	2023	1,829	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	46.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	14.8%		2023	58.6
	2023	18.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.7%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2019	496		2023	1.7%
	2023	651	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	13.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2019	15.7%		2023	11.1
	2023	20.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	41.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.4
	2019-2023	26.3%		2019-2023	8.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	54.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	31.7
	2019-2023	56.7%		2019-2023	30.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	20.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	35.4%		2019-2023	23.7
	2023	27.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	67.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	32.7%		2019-2023	57.4
	2023	23.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2018	33.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	30.6%		2019-2023	60.0%
	2019-2023	28.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2017	27.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	47.4%		2018-2022	57.6
	2019-2023	54.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	143.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	47.5%		2018-2022	17.1
	2023	45.7%	Uninsured children	2018	6.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$50,074		2022	7.5%
	2019-2023	\$56,563	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.8%
Adult unemployment	2019	4.7%		2023	90.1%
	2023	4.4%	<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	1.8%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.6%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		