

Barton County

County Seat: Lamar

Population: 11,717

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	605	518	22.9%	19.7%	↑	15.3%	71
Food insecurity for children ^a	530	650	18.9%	23.7%	↓	18.1%	98
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	56	56	8.4%	7.7%	↑	8.9%	53
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	8	1	3.0	0.4	↑	5.4	6
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	12	31.9	32.7	↓	15.9	102
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	10	1	3.7	0.4	↑	2.9	1
Education							
High school graduation	143	118	92.9%	90.8%	↓	92.1%	96
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	69	39	42.3%	36.1%	↓	41.6%	79
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	78	34	49.1%	29.3%	↓	42.1%	95
4th grade math (MAP)	75	41	57.7%	34.2%	↓	44.5%	96
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	78	49	54.2%	33.8%	↓	41.5%	73

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators					
Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	11,732	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	23.3
	2023	11,717		2025	19.7
Child population under 18	2020	2,702	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	2,690		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.6
	2024	23.0%		2024	94.3
Child population under 6	2020	814	Family & Community		
	2024	866	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.0%		2020-2024	76.8
	2024	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.0%
Minority child population under 18	2020	233		2020-2024	12.1%
	2024	317	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	45.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.6%		2024	25.5
	2024	11.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2020	71		2024	1.8%
	2024	129	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	4.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	8.7%		2024	0.4
	2024	14.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	20.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.5
	2020-2024	23.0%		2020-2024	4.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	68.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	7.8
	2020-2024	68.6%		2020-2024	31.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	7.8
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	20.5%		2020-2024	29.6
	2024	26.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	21.1%		2020-2024	38.7
	2024	18.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	27.9%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	23.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	29.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	40.8%		2019-2023	7.1**
	2020-2024	41.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	45.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	34.2%		2019-2023	94.7
	2024	30.1%	Uninsured children	2019	9.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$55,721		2023	7.4%
	2020-2024	\$74,286	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.4%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	4.9%		2024	93.9%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		