

# Bates County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	694	565	19.2%	15.5%	↑	15.3%	37
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	610	860	15.8%	22.7%	↓	18.1%	96
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	57	75	6.2%	7.8%	↓	8.9%	56
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	18	19	4.8	5.1	↓	5.4	101
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	9	12	19.9	22.5	↓	15.9	68
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	17	10	4.6	2.7	↑	2.9	42
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	156	171	94.0%	97.2%	↑	92.1%	22
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	140	70	68.0%	40.9%	↓	41.6%	50
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	103	55	61.7%	29.3%	↓	42.1%	96
4th grade math (MAP)	111	44	56.6%	23.2%	↓	44.5%	111
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	128	74	57.9%	36.5%	↓	41.5%	61

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	16,282	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	24.7
	2023	16,394		2025	37.4
Child population under 18	2020	3,722	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	21.7%
	2024	3,743		2025	14.3%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.9
	2024	22.8%		2024	94.0
Child population under 6	2020	1,152	Family & Community		
	2024	1,137	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	19.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	75.7
	2024	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	309		2020-2024	11.3%
	2024	403	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	26.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	8.3%		2024	16.8
	2024	10.8%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.9%
Minority child population under 6	2020	105		2024	0.6%
	2024	129	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	3.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	9.1%		2024	5.3
	2024	11.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	20.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	4.3
	2020-2024	18.5%		2020-2024	4.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	64.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	22.6
	2020-2024	64.9%		2020-2024	5.6
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Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	21.4%		2020-2024	7.0
	2024	8.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	18.0%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	15.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	24.2%		2020-2024	0.0%
	2020-2024	26.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	12.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	42.4%		2019-2023	10.3**
	2020-2024	36.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	64.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	25.8%		2019-2023	110.3
	2024	24.6%	Uninsured children	2019	9.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$59,205		2023	8.4%
	2020-2024	\$82,652	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.3%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	5.3%		2024	92.6%
	2023	3.2%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	0.5%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	0.6%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		