

Butler County

County Seat: Poplar Bluff

Population: 41,814

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,529	2,618	26.7%	27.8%	↓	15.3%	107
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,520	2,470	25.1%	25.2%	↓	18.1%	106
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	292	254	10.9%	9.9%	↑	8.9%	100
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	35	20	3.6	2.1	↑	5.4	39
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	58	53	46.4	39.5	↑	15.9	110
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	53	66	5.4	6.8	↓	2.9	99
Education							
High school graduation	431	391	92.1%	87.7%	↓	92.1%	109
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	340	253	65.3%	55.0%	↓	41.6%	7
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	300	211	59.1%	44.1%	↓	42.1%	34
4th grade math (MAP)	290	198	57.4%	41.7%	↓	44.5%	70
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	238	172	63.3%	34.3%	↓	41.5%	71

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	42,570	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	92.6
	2023	41,814		2025	89.9
Child population under 18	2020	9,760	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	15.2%
	2024	9,669		2025	15.8%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.8
	2024	23.1%		2024	91.8
Child population under 6	2020	3,154	Family & Community		
	2024	3,071	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	85.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.5%		2020-2024	58.0
	2024	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.7%
Minority child population under 18	2020	1,569		2020-2024	15.1%
	2024	1,872	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	42.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	16.1%		2024	77.7
	2024	19.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.7%
Minority child population under 6	2020	587		2024	2.6%
	2024	668	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	18.6%		2024	14.6
	2024	21.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	32.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	7.5
	2020-2024	24.0%		2020-2024	8.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	52.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	32.4
	2020-2024	52.5%		2020-2024	28.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	16.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	29.8%		2020-2024	24.0
	2024	20.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	74.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	26.1%		2020-2024	46.8
	2024	26.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	40.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	29.0%		2020-2024	66.7%
	2020-2024	31.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	52.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	50.6%		2019-2023	17.5*
	2020-2024	54.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	133.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	48.2%		2019-2023	172.8
	2024	45.1%	Uninsured children	2019	6.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$46,176		2023	6.6%
	2020-2024	\$61,159	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.3%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	6.3%		2024	90.4%
	2023	4.4%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	2.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		