

# Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

Population: 17,877

| Outcome Measures   | Number |       | Rate  |       | Trend | Rank       |             |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
|  | 2020   | 2024  | 2020  | 2024  |       | State Rate | County Rank |
| <b>Economic Well-Being</b>                                       |        |       |       |       |       |            |             |
| Children under 18 in poverty                                     | 1,430  | 898   | 35.5% | 21.8% | ↑     | 15.3%      | 85          |
| Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>                        | 670    | 1,000 | 17.1% | 24.1% | ↓     | 18.1%      | 100         |
| <b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>  |        |       |       |       |       |            |             |
| Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>                             | 91     | 67    | 8.3%  | 6.4%  | ↑     | 8.9%       | 15          |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>                   | 4      | 0     | 1.0   | 0.0   | ↑     | 5.4        | 1           |
| <b>Family &amp; Community</b>                                    |        |       |       |       |       |            |             |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)                          | 9      | 14    | 17.0  | 25.0  | ↓     | 15.9       | 78          |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)              | 12     | 16    | 2.9   | 3.8   | ↓     | 2.9        | 65          |
| <b>Education</b>   |        |       |       |       |       |            |             |
| High school graduation   | 119    | 113   | 96.7% | 98.3% | ↑     | 92.1%      | 11          |
| Achievement proficiency<br>3rd grade English/language arts (MAP) | 70     | 25    | 54.3% | 20.5% | ↓     | 41.6%      | 114         |
| 8th grade English/language arts (MAP)                            | 88     | 73    | 62.0% | 58.4% | ↓     | 42.1%      | 2           |
| 4th grade math (MAP)   | 40     | 41    | 30.8% | 33.9% | ↑     | 44.5%      | 97          |
| Algebra I (end-of-course exam)                                   | 54     | 27    | 54.5% | 22.5% | ↓     | 41.5%      | 110         |

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      | 16,841   | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)  | 2020      | 53.2  |
|  | 2023      | 17,877   |   | 2025      | 49.0  |
| Child population under 18  | 2020      | 4,101    | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity  | 2020      | —%    |
|  | 2024      | 4,206    |   | 2025      | —%    |
| Children under 18 as % of total population                         | 2020      | 23.8%    | School attendance, grades K-12  | 2020      | 93.7  |
|  | 2024      | 23.5%    |   | 2024      | 93.0  |
| Child population under 6   | 2020      | 1,366    | Family & Community  |           |       |
|  | 2024      | 1,367    | Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)  | 2013-2019 | 36.6  |
| Children under 6 as % of total population                          | 2020      | 7.9%     |   | 2020-2024 | 85.1  |
|  | 2024      | 7.7%     | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18  | 2013-2019 | 7.1%  |
| Minority child population under 18                                 | 2020      | 256      |   | 2020-2024 | 5.9%  |
|  | 2024      | 396      | Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)  | 2020      | 17.5  |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population        | 2020      | 6.2%     |   | 2024      | 37.0  |
|  | 2024      | 9.4%     | Annual high school dropout rate   | 2020      | —%    |
| Minority child population under 6                                  | 2020      | 92       |   | 2024      | —%    |
|  | 2024      | 148      | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)   | 2020      | 5.4   |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population | 2020      | 6.7%     |   | 2024      | 3.1   |
|  | 2024      | 10.8%    | Health  |           |       |
| Children in single-parent families                                 | 2013-2019 | 24.7%    | Infant mortality (per 1,000)  | 2013-2019 | 18.3  |
|  | 2020-2024 | 9.5%     |   | 2020-2024 | 12.5  |
| Children in married-parent families                                | 2013-2019 | 68.9%    | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)  | 2013-2019 | 41.4  |
|  | 2020-2024 | 68.9%    |   | 2020-2024 | 25.0  |
| Economic Well-being  |           |          | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)  | 2013-2019 | 26.0  |
| Children under 6 in families in poverty                            | 2020      | 31.4%    |   | 2020-2024 | 24.9  |
|  | 2024      | 31.0%    | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)   | 2013-2019 | 90.1  |
| Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty                          | 2020      | 30.3%    |   | 2020-2024 | 25.2  |
|  | 2024      | 19.3%    | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>   | 2013-2019 | 0.0%  |
| Housing cost-burdened households                                   | 2013-2019 | 24.5%    |   | 2020-2024 | 0.0%  |
|  | 2020-2024 | 23.8%    | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>   | 2012-2018 | 16.2  |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level  | 2013-2019 | 50.7%    |   | 2019-2023 | 4.6** |
|  | 2020-2024 | 43.1%    | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)   | 2012-2018 | 90.0  |
| Children in families receiving SNAP                                | 2020      | 30.4%    |   | 2019-2023 | 116.2 |
|  | 2024      | 26.0%    | Uninsured children  | 2019      | 9.8%  |
| Median income family household with children under 18              | 2013-2019 | \$50,833 |   | 2023      | 10.2% |
|  | 2020-2024 | \$82,500 | School attendance, grades 9-12  | 2020      | 93.6% |
| Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>                                    | 2020      | 5.9%     |   | 2024      | 92.9% |
|  | 2023      | 3.1%     | <sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.                  |           |       |
| Child homelessness   | 2020      | 2.5%     | <sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.  |           |       |
|  | 2024      | 4.2%     | <sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases). |           |       |