

Youth Development Index 2020

The Youth Development Index is intended to inform Bartholomew County about the current conditions our youth experience, the choices they make, and the perceptions they share.

This advocacy tool provides comparative data revealing areas where investment continues to be needed in order to ensure positive youth development for every young person in Bartholomew County.

- *Additional YDI data is available to explore and download on the CYD website. Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/ydi-overview to navigate all categories in more detail.*

Who We Are

The Council for Youth Development (CYD) is a cross-sector coalition that identifies, coordinates, and aligns community efforts to ensure the development of the whole child. CYD partner organizations represent a cradle to career continuum serving and advocating for youth, birth to eighteen, and their families throughout Bartholomew County.

In 2018, the Council for Youth Development designed the county's first Youth Master Plan prioritizing the well-being of our youngest residents. This community-wide commitment strengthened cross-sector collaboration and continues to focus on breaking down barriers and pursuing innovative solutions for all young people. Essential to improving upon this foundational work was the establishment of the Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development by the Bartholomew County Youth Services Guiding Team in 2020*.

We believe guided by our community's five pillars, and new seven principles, we are one step closer to our vision of a community where all youth and families are reaching their full potential.

*The Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development document is available for review at www.cydbartholomew.org/ydi-overview.

FIVE PILLARS

Our diverse coalition is unified by the five pillars we believe are essential to ensuring all youth thrive.



HEALTH

An integrated community that promotes holistic wellness where all thrive



SAFETY

An environment that provides protection from all forms of harm



ENGAGEMENT

A welcoming environment that empowers active participation and contribution toward growth of self and community



EDUCATION

High quality education that promotes success in school, career, and life



SUPPORT

A nurturing support network that builds personal assets and instills a sense of hope for the future

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Our Process

The Council for Youth Development applies the CivicLab's Stakeholder Engagement Process to address complex challenges and collectively achieve system-level change to improve the lives of our youth and their families.

SHORT TERM MEASURES:

- Number of Asset building opportunities provided for youth and caregivers.
- Number of individuals participating in professional development opportunities.
- Number of individuals reached about the importance of positive youth development through media communication.

Conduct a project and determine how to measure success. Redesign the work based on what's learned.

4 REDESIGN

GOAL:

- Grow Developmental Assets in Bartholomew County Youth

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the use of Developmental Asset building principles in youth and family programming.
- Improve access and participation in high quality professional development opportunities relevant to youth and family serving organization.
- Communicate the value of positive youth development.

1 IDENTIFY

Identify the key stakeholders that want to address the issue. Build trusting relationships through the work.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Non-profit
- Education
- Community
- Government
- Health
- Business

FOCUS AREAS:

- Youth Empowerment
- Family Engagement
- Professional Development



2 UNDERSTAND

Gather and understand the voices and data. Share the information and create a picture of today.

3 CO-CREATE

Co-create new solutions together. Identify a few catalytic projects and create a picture of tomorrow.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX:

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Developmental Assets Profile Survey

MENTAL HEALTH

*Youth Reporting Suicidal Ideation
Youth Death by Suicide*

PERSONAL RISK

*Substance Use
Teen Birth Rate*

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SAFETY

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HEALTH

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth-Centered

"Treat me with respect and allow my voice to be heard"

Asset-Based

"Help me build on my strengths and push me to keep getting better"

Equity-Focused

"Support me with what I need to achieve my potential"

Culturally-Competant

"Show me that I belong and respect me for who I am"

Proactively-Supportive

"Help me achieve my goals"

Community-Engaged

"Connect me with people and places in the community"

Measured-Achievement

"My life outcomes are improved"

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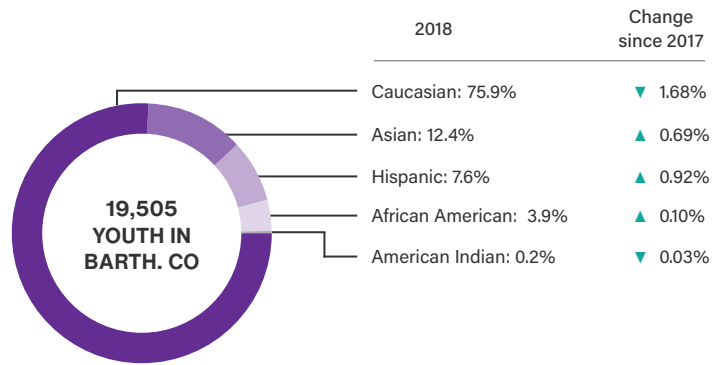
What is the Youth Development Index (YDI)?

While we have made great strides over the past decade to improve youth well-being, challenges remain for our young people and their families. U.S. Census Bureau data reflects significant neighborhood socio-economic disparities among local residents living within the 15 census tracts across Bartholomew County. Unfortunately, these inequities are even greater when focusing exclusively on the nearly 20,000 children who call our county home.

Addressing barriers our youth face requires a deeper dive into county level data highlighting what young people experience, the choices they make, and the perceptions they share. The Council for Youth Development's Youth Development Index (YDI) provides these insights for Bartholomew County. The coalition's YDI aggregates data specific to our local residents and measures key indicators prioritized in our county's Youth Master Plan. This advocacy tool provides comparative data revealing areas where investment continues to be needed in order to ensure positive youth development for every young person in our community.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY YOUTH BY THE NUMBERS

CHILD POPULATION AGES 0-17



Source: Indiana Kids Count® Data Book 2019 Bartholomew County

CHILDREN IN POVERTY AGES 0-17

	2018	Change since 2017
Bartholomew	12.6%	▼ 2.1%
Indiana	18.0%	▲ 0.2%

Source: Indiana Kids Count® Data Book 2019 Bartholomew County

There are 15 census tracts in Bartholomew County each containing on average approximately 5,500 people.

Among the 15 tracts there is a 42% poverty rate difference for children.

Source: 2018 American Community Survey

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2018	Change since 2017
Bartholomew	\$63,069	▲ \$7,124
Indiana	\$55,725	▼ \$1,591

Source: Indiana Kids Count® Data Book 2019 Bartholomew County

Among the 15 tracts there is a median household income difference of \$66,000.

Source: 2018 American Community Survey

Youth Perception

WHAT OUR YOUTH SAY

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC) conducted the Search Institute’s Developmental Assets Profile survey with youth in Columbus, Indiana in January 2018. Results were received from 4,384 youths, or approximately 72% of the school population in sixth through twelfth grade. The survey focuses on understanding the strengths and supports (or “Developmental Assets”) that young people experience in their lives. Extensive research has shown that having these assets in their lives help young people avoid risky behavior and make positive life choices.

📍 Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/youth-perception to navigate the data in more detail.

RESOURCES

**Department of Education Social, Emotional,
and Behavioral Wellness**

www.doe.in.gov/sebw

Search Institute

www.search-institute.org

CASEL

www.casel.org

Youth Perception [Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/youth-perception to navigate the data in more detail.](http://www.cydbartholomew.org/youth-perception)

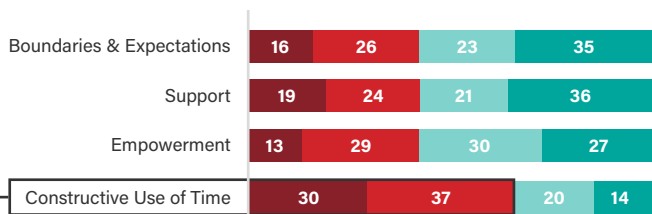
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

The Search Institute’s Developmental Assets® framework is organized into eight categories. These categories represent key supports (external assets) and strengths (internal assets) that young people need to have and develop in order to thrive.

■ Thriving (Range: 26-30)
 ■ Adequate (Range 21-25)
 ■ Vulnerable (Range 15-20)
 ■ Challenged (Range 0-14)

EXTERNAL ASSETS

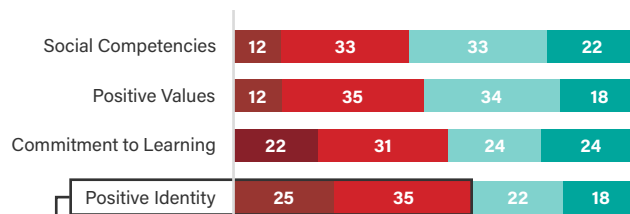
External assets are relationships and opportunities that are provided by young people’s families, schools and communities.



Young people need opportunities outside of school to learn and develop new skills and interests with other youth and adults.

INTERNAL ASSETS

Internal assets are internal values, commitments, skills, and self-perceptions that young people develop within themselves that lead to self-regulation, internal motivation, and personal character.



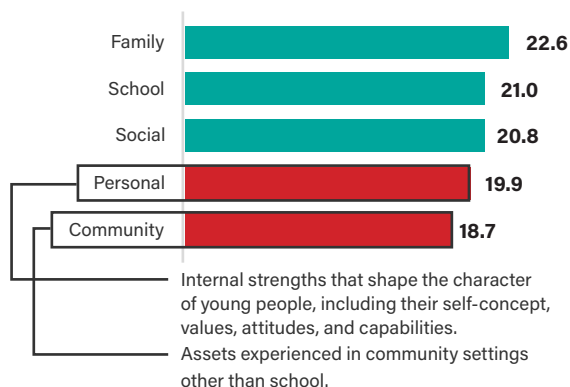
Young people need to believe in their own self-worth and to feel that they have control over the things that happen to them.

Source: Developmental Assets Profile Survey, BCSC 2018

FIVE CONTEXTS FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

Young people need to experience strengths and supports across all parts of their lives, not just in one place (such as school or home). The Developmental Assets Profile explores young people’s perceptions of supports and strengths across five contexts, representing a healthy “ecology” of development.

Source: Developmental Assets Profile Survey, BCSC 2018



Over half (52%) of BCSC students responded that they almost always experience a safe neighborhood and yet only 26% reported they almost always experience neighbors who help watch out for them.

Source: Developmental Assets Profile Survey, BCSC 2018

Mental Health

HOW OUR YOUTH FEEL

In March of 2019, over 5,000 Bartholomew County students, in sixth through twelfth grade, completed the Indiana Youth Survey (INYS). This was the first year Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation joined Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation in participating in the state-wide survey. The survey is administered by Indiana University's Institute for Research on Addictive Behavior and focuses on mental health concerns as well as substance use and perceptions by young people. By providing this confidential and anonymous survey, youth have the opportunity to share current struggles and the community has better information to target help through policies, programs, and prevention initiatives.

🔗 Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/mental-health to navigate the data in more detail.

RESOURCES

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Centerstone Crisis Access Services

www.centerstone.org

Hotline: 1-800-832-5442

Family Services, Inc.

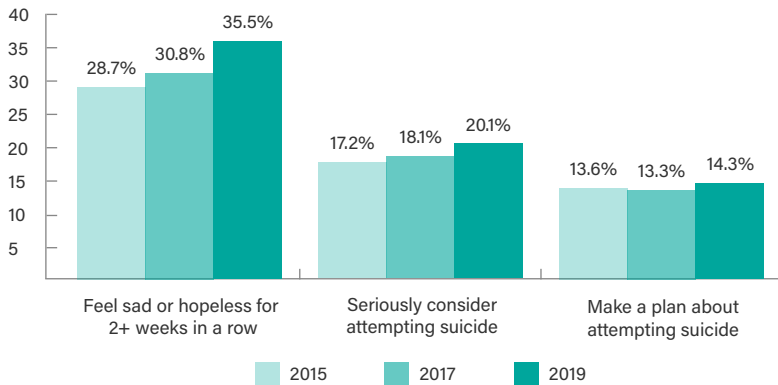
www.familyservicebc.org

Mental Health [Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/mental-health to navigate the data in more detail.](http://www.cydbartholomew.org/mental-health)

SUICIDAL IDEATION

Young people may experience suicidal thoughts when they are undergoing stress or experiencing depression. In many cases, these are temporary and can be treated, but in some cases, they place the individual at risk for attempting or completing suicide.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS THAT ANSWERED 'YES' TO QUESTIONS RELATED TO SUICIDAL IDEATION IN 2015-2019 (6TH - 12TH GRADE)



Over one-third of BCSC students reported feeling sad or hopeless for two or more weeks in a row during 2019. In the same survey, one in five, shared they have seriously considered attempting suicide.

Source: Indiana Youth Survey 2019

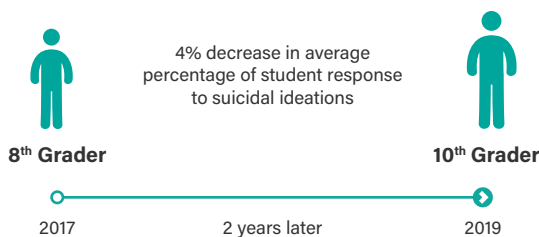
GRADES WITH THE HIGHEST SUICIDAL IDEATION IN 2019

Rank	Grade	Feel sad or hopeless for 2+ weeks in a row		Seriously consider attempting suicide		Make a plan about attempting suicide	
		2019	Change since 2017	2019	Change since 2017	2019	Change since 2017
1	8 TH	40.6%	▲ 7.2%	25.7%	▲ 2.8%	18.2%	▲ 2.0%
2	11 TH	39.3%	▲ 4.4%	20.2%	▲ 0.1%	13.5%	▼ 0.3%
3	12 TH	35.7%	▲ 4.2%	20.5%	▲ 3.5%	15.7%	▲ 4.9%

Source: Indiana Youth Survey 2019

TRANSFORMATION OF 8TH GRADERS

Compared to all reported grades, 8th graders in Bartholomew County have continued to be the leading grade with the greatest risk of suicidal ideation for the past five years.



However, 8th graders in 2017 who completed the survey as 10th graders in 2019 reported a decrease in suicidal ideation. And similar improvement is reflected when comparing 8th graders in 2015 who were surveyed again as 12th graders in 2019.

YOUTH SUICIDE IN BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY



2 out of 16 deaths by suicide in Bartholomew County were residents under the age of 18 in 2019.

Source: Bartholomew County Coroner's Office 2020

Personal Risk

THE CHOICES OUR YOUTH MAKE

Over the last ten years, Bartholomew County has seen a decrease in youth reporting selected high-risk behavior patterns including teen pregnancies and abuse of alcohol and traditional cigarettes; however, our community is not immune to public health trends facing young people today. New challenges require innovative prevention efforts that bolster asset-based strategies and empower youth to be a part of the solution.

📍 Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/personal-risk to navigate the data in more detail.

RESOURCES

**Bartholomew County
Substance Abuse Council**
www.bcsac.org

**ASAP Hub
Recovery Resource Center**
www.asapbc.org
812-418-8705

Healthy Communities
www.crh.org

United Way Bartholomew County
www.uwbarthco.org
www.searchuwbc.org

**Columbus Health Center
by Planned Parenthood**
www.plannedparenthood.org

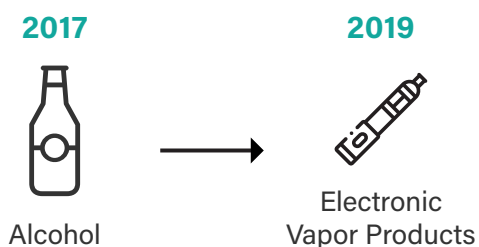
Clarity of South Central Indiana
www.claritycares.org

Personal Risk [Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/personal-risk to navigate the data in more detail.](http://www.cydbartholomew.org/personal-risk)

SUBSTANCE USE

While prevention efforts continue to make a positive impact deterring youth from many traditional substances, according to the 2019 Indiana Youth Survey, local students are using electronic vapor products at alarming rates. Commonly known as, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), these products are battery-operated devices that heat a liquid to produce an aerosol that users inhale. This aerosol typically contains nicotine, flavorings, and other additives. The term e-cigarette is often used to refer to a broad class of products also known as electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), which also includes electronic cigars (e-cigars), electronic hookahs (e-hookahs), vapor (vape) pens, and other products. Nearly all e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm the developing adolescent brain.

High school seniors reported using electronic vapor products 6 times more than cigarettes in 2019.



Electronic vapor product use surpassed alcohol for all middle and high school students in 2019.

Source: Indiana Youth Survey 2019

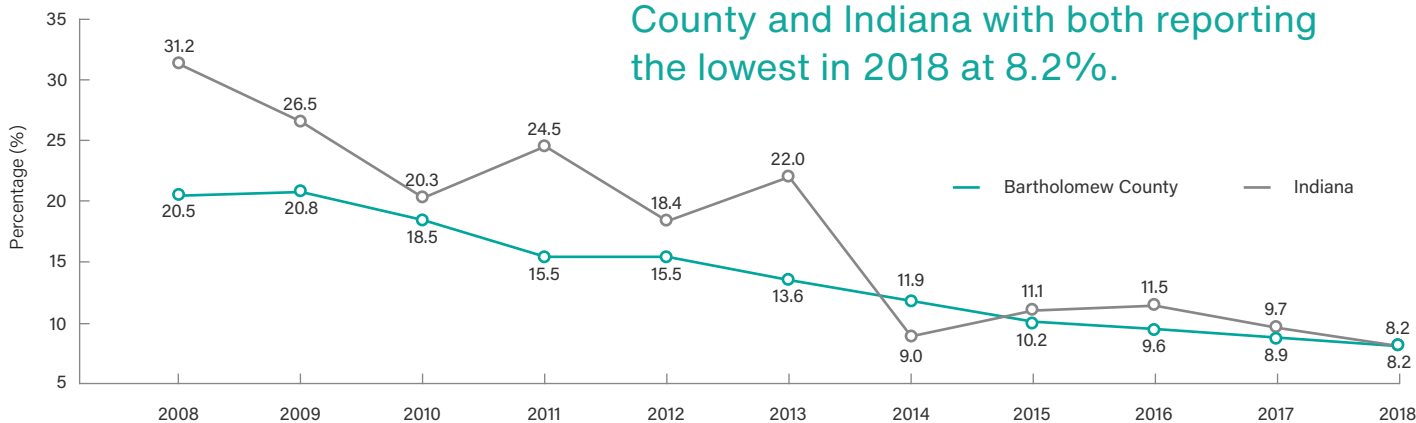
12TH GRADE SUBSTANCE USE

Substance	2019	Change since 2017
Electronic vapor products	31.0%	▲ 7.8%
Alcohol	27.9%	▼ 7.9%
Marijuana	15.4%	▼ 0.2%
Cigarettes	5.2%	▼ 5.5%
Prescription drugs	3.0%	▼ 1.0%

TEEN BIRTH RATE

TEEN BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 FEMALE, AGES 15-17

For the past 10 years, teen birth rates have steadily decreased for Bartholomew County and Indiana with both reporting the lowest in 2018 at 8.2%.



Source: Indiana State Department of Health

Family & Community Safety

HOW ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS OUR YOUTH

Providing system-level support for all youth and families remains a commitment throughout the county. As collaborative efforts continue, youth and their caregivers benefit from community initiatives focused on applying trauma-informed care practices, integrating cultural competencies, and deepening developmental relationships. Central to our work ahead is promoting the fundamental belief that all families care for their children, have strengths that can be built upon, and can be engaged and empowered to ensure positive youth development.

➔ Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/family-community-safety to navigate the data in more detail.

RESOURCES

Advocates for Children

www.apowerfulvoice.org
Phone: 812-372-2808

Turning Point

Domestic Violence Services
www.turningpointdv.org
Crisis Helpline: 1-800-211-6311

Foundation For Youth

www.foundationforyouth.com

Indiana Department of Child Services

Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect
www.in.gov/dcs
Hotline: 1-800-800-5556

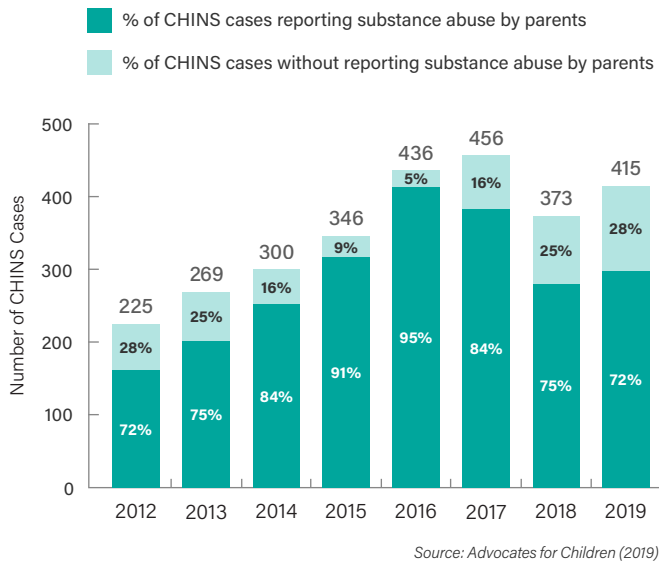
**Family and Social Services
Administration**

www.in.gov/fssa

National Safe Place

www.nationalsafeplace.org

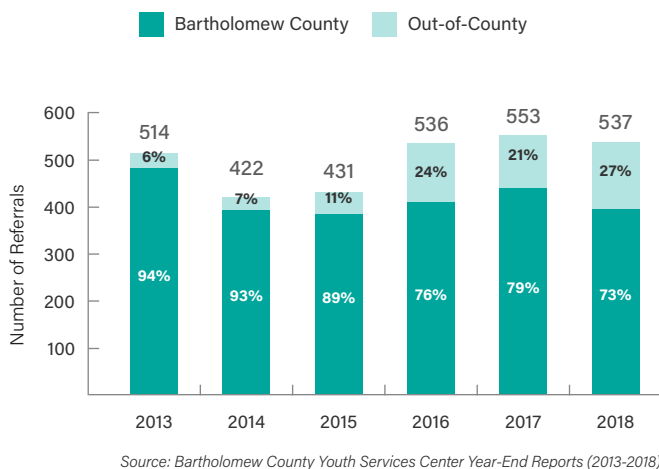
BARTHOLOMEW CHINS CASES SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRENDS



Children in Need of Services (CHINS) cases reporting substance abuse by parents started to decline in 2016. While the number of CHINS cases peaked in 2017, the percentage of cases reporting substance abuse by parents continues to decline.

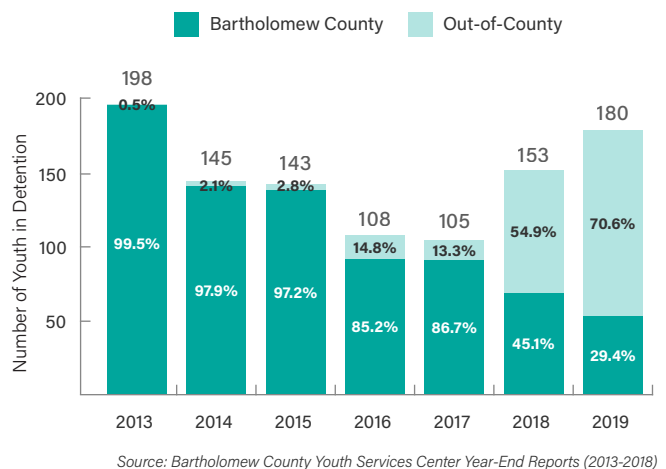
72% of CHINS cases with substance abuse by parents in 2019 is higher than the total CHINS cases reported in both 2012 and 2013.

YOUTH SERVICES CENTER REFERRALS



Since 2014, Bartholomew County referrals to the Youth Services Center have remained steady with a slight increase in 2017. However, out-of-county referrals increased from 7% in 2014 to 27% in 2018.

YOUTH IN DETENTION



Youth in detention has dramatically changed over the last five years. In 2013, of the 198 youth in detention nearly all (99.5%) were from Bartholomew County compared to less than a third (29.4%) of the 180 youth in 2019.

Learning & Life Skills

THE PATH OUR YOUTH TAKE

Bartholomew County has a successful history prioritizing life-long learning. Led by the Community Education Coalition's EcO Network, our community and neighboring counties included in the Southeast Indiana Economic Growth Regions (EGR 9), are committed to achieving GOAL 2025. To achieve this national goal where 60% of Americans will hold degrees, certificates, or other high quality postsecondary credentials by 2025. A holistic approach to the learning experience beginning in the early years and continuing through adulthood is essential. CYD believes social and emotional learning competencies are critically important for the long-term success of our students both in and outside of the classroom. By working together, cross-sector partners have aligned efforts and objectives to encourage personal and social development so that all young people thrive.

📍 Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/learning-life-skills to navigate the data in more detail.

RESOURCES

Community Education Coalition

www.educationcoalition.com

Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

www.elacindiana.org

EcO Network

www.educationcoalition.com

Indiana Afterschool Network

www.indianaafterschool.org

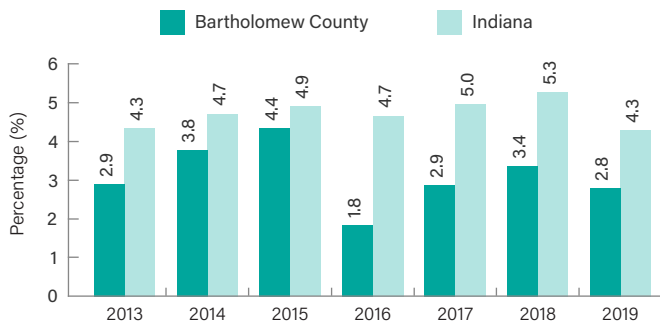
Latino Education Coalition

Facebook: LatinoEducationGroup

Indiana Department of Education INview

inview.doe.in.gov

KINDERGARTEN RETENTION RATE



Source: Department of Education

Bartholomew County's kindergarten return rate continues to trend for the better and is significantly lower than Indiana's overall remediation rate.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATE

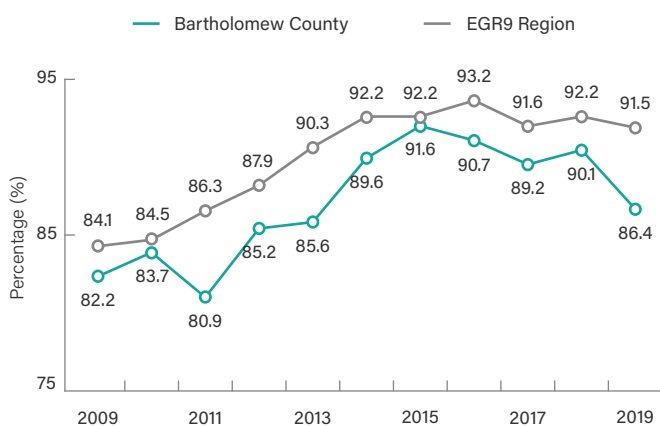
Attendance rates remain high in Bartholomew County and above the Indiana state average. However, in 2018, 12th grade students had the lowest attendance rates compared to all grades (K-12), in the respective school corporations and in the state.

ATTENDANCE RATE (K-12)

	2018	Compared to 2017
BCSC	95.8%	▼ 0.2%
FRHC	95.3%	▼ 0.3%
Indiana	95.2%	▼ 0.2%

Source: Indiana Department of Education

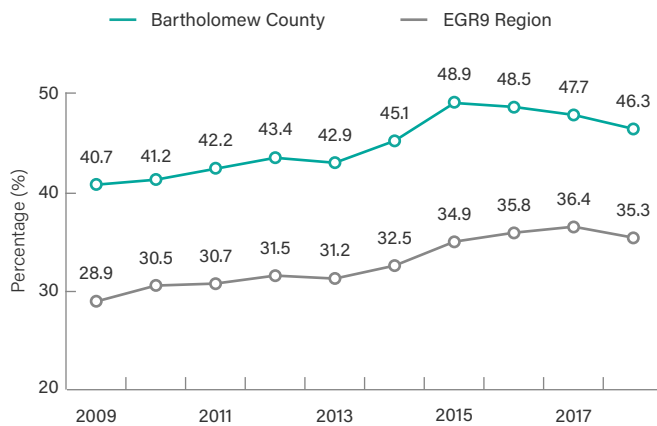
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



Source: Community Education Coalition

Bartholomew County graduation rate has remained above the state average but below ERG9 average for the past five years. In the last year, Bartholomew County graduation rate fell from 90.1% in 2018 to 86.4% in 2019. Complex factors such as diploma type and homeschool status contribute to graduation rate reporting and may impact comparative data among school corporations in Indiana.

POSTSECONDARY ATTAINMENT



Source: Community Education Coalition

In the future, 60% of all jobs will require an industry credential or degree. While Bartholomew County postsecondary rate decreased from 47.7% in 2017 to 46.3% in 2018, the county remained above the regional average.

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🔗 Visit www.cydbartholomew.org/partners for current list of CYD partners.

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