

Cass County

County Seat: Harrisonville

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 102,678

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,484	2,683	14.1%	10.8%	↑	18.3%	6
Food insecurity for children ^b	4,860	3,840	18.6%	15.1%	↑	17.5%	8
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	421	426	6.9%	7.4%	↓	8.5%	40
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	174	180	6.7	7.1	↓	7.1	72
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	119	103	4.6	4.1	↑	7.5	70
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	73	51	21.8	15.2	↑	21.6	15
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	75	43	2.9	1.7	↑	4.0	9
Education							
High school graduation	1,212	1,231	91.4%	92.3%	↑	91.3%	76
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		612		47.4%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		668		50.6%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		711		52.5%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		616		47.6%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	100,889
	2018	102,678
Child population under 18	2014	25,843
	2018	25,369
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	25.1%
	2018	24.6%
Child population under 6	2014	7,464
	2018	7,705
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.4%
	2018	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	3,758
	2018	3,931
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	14.8%
	2018	15.5%
Minority child population under 6	2014	1,178
	2018	1,211
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	15.8%
	2018	15.7%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	26.9%
	2014-2018	24.9%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	72.4%
	2014-2018	73.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	30.7%
	2018	10.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	12.3%
	2014-2018	10.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	28.3%
	2014-2018	24.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	24.5%
	2014-2018	25.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	25.0%
	2018	20.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$67,434
	2014-2018	\$78,569
Adult unemployment	2014	5.7%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	2.5%
	2018	3.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	104.0
	2019	110.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	29.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	31.7
	2014-2018	51.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.7%
	2014-2018	8.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	26.2
	2018	23.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.0%
	2018	1.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	3.5
	2018	3.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	3.8
	2014-2018	4.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.2
	2014-2018	26.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	14.9
	2014-2018	13.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	39.5
	2014-2018	74.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	66.7%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	4.4*
	2013-2017	18.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	88.8
	2013-2017	117.2
Uninsured children	2013	6.6%
	2017	3.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.0%
	2018	93.6%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)