

Cass County

County Seat: Harrisonville

County
Composite
Rank

15 2018

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,890	2,233	11.7%	9%	↑	15.5%	4
Food insecurity for children ^b	4,300	2,950	16.7%	11.7%	↑	15.1%	9
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	424	414	7.2%	7.2%	→	8.7%	32
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	141	158	5.6	6.3	↓	7.1	64
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	118	85	4.7	3.4	↑	6.2	60
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	65	40	19	11.9	↑	18.8	17
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	71	50	2.8	2	↑	3.2	18
Education							
High school graduation	1,245	1,207	92.6%	89.9%	↓	91.3%	98
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	102,845
	2020	104,687
Child population under 18	2016	25,220
	2020	25,207
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.5%
	2020	23.6%
Child population under 6	2016	7,556
	2020	7,540
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.3%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	3,681
	2020	4,207
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	14.6%
	2020	16.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	1,113
	2020	1,340
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	14.7%
	2020	17.8%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	26.1%
	2016-2020	17.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	73.6%
	2016-2020	71.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	21.6%
	2020	16%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	12.3%
	2016-2020	8.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	27.5%
	2016-2020	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	26.5%
	2016-2020	23.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	23.2%
	2020	18.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$72,803
	2016-2020	\$81,294
Adult unemployment	2016	4.1%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	2.7%
	2020	2.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	107
	2021	93.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	23.2%
	2021	22.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.9%
	2020	94.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	28.9
	2016-2020	72.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.51%
	2016-2020	8.92%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	35.6
	2020	21.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.8%
	2020	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4
	2020	2.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.1
	2016-2020	5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.9
	2016-2020	24.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	14.4
	2016-2020	10.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	39.2
	2016-2020	74.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	12
	2015-2019	24.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	112.2
	2015-2019	127.3
Uninsured children	2015	5.1%
	2019	5.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.1%
	2020	94.1%

^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).