

Cass County

County
Composite
Rank

18 ²⁰¹⁹

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County Seat: Harrisonville

Population: 109,638

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,016	2,454	12.2%	9.6%	↑	16.5%	3
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,820	3,240	15.0%	12.8%	↑	15.4%	14
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	413	429	7.0%	7.5%	↓	8.8%	42
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	176	123	7.0	4.7	↑	5.0	65
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	92	75	3.6	2.9	↑	3.6	77
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	64	48	19.1	13.7	↑	17.0	23
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	47	76	1.9	2.9	↓	3.0	33
Education							
High school graduation	1,211	1,258	90.4%	90.5%	↑	90.8%	83
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	460	—	37.5		41.4%	78
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	661	—	48.0		44.9%	34
4th grade math (MAP)	—	438	—	35.8		36.8%	63
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	220	—	19.7		26.8%	93

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	103,724
	2020	109,638
Child population under 18	2017	25,297
	2021	25,984
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	24.4%
	2021	23.7%
Child population under 6	2017	7,621
	2021	7,589
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.3%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	3,840
	2021	5,185
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	15.2%
	2021	20.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	1,163
	2021	1,619
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	15.3%
	2021	21.3%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	23.5%
	2017-2021	18.4%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	75.1%
	2017-2021	71.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	24.0%
	2021	8.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	10.7%
	2017-2021	8.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.0%
	2017-2021	22.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	24.4%
	2017-2021	22.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	21.9%
	2021	17.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$78,245
	2017-2021	\$88,529
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%
	2021	3.9%
Child homelessness	2017	3.1%
	2021	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	103.6
	2022	86.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	29.7%
	2022	23.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.7
	2021	95.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	29.0
	2017-2021	47.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.6%
	2017-2021	11.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	25.2
	2021	25.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.0%
	2021	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	3.3
	2021	3.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	5.2
	2017-2021	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.4
	2017-2021	21.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	16.3
	2017-2021	10.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	39.3
	2017-2021	70.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	66.7%
	2017-2021	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	14.3
	2016-2020	30.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	127.3
	2016-2020	145.9
Uninsured children	2016	4.4%
	2020	6.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.9%
	2021	94.2%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

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

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