

Cass County

County
Composite
Rank

18 ²⁰²⁰

23 ²⁰²⁴

County Seat: Harrisonville

Population: 110,394

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,683	2,596	10.8%	10.4%	↑	16.8%	9
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,840	2,360	15.1%	9.1%	↑	12.8%	13
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	430	441	7.3%	7.7%	↓	8.9%	42
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	180	148	7.1	5.8	↑	6.3	67
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	103	80	4.1	3.1	↑	5.1	58
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	51	58	15.2	16.7	↓	16.8	41
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	43	73	1.7	2.9	↓	2.7	41
Education							
High school graduation	1,231	1,192	92.3%	90.2%	↓	91.2%	90
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	612	473	47.4	38.9		41.0%	62
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	668	617	50.6	45.6		41.9%	24
4th grade math (MAP)	711	605	52.5	46.9		43.0%	39
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	616	494	47.6	35.9		41.2%	67

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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2020

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2024

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	102,678	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	110.8
	2021	110,394		2023	88.1
Child population under 18	2018	25,369	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	29.7%
	2022	25,583		2023	35.3%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.5
	2022	23.2%		2022	93.1
Child population under 6	2018	7,705	Family & Community		
	2022	7,525	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	40.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%		2018-2022	85.3
	2022	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.0%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	3,931		2018-2022	13.1%
	2022	5,242	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	23.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	15.5%		2022	35.4
	2022	20.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	1,211		2022	2.2%
	2022	1,655	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	15.7%		2022	3.2
	2022	22.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	23.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.9
	2018-2022	19.6%		2018-2022	4.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	75.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.9
	2018-2022	70.7%		2018-2022	22.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	10.5%		2018-2022	12.2
	2022	25.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	10.1%		2018-2022	62.5
	2022	8.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	50.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.0%		2018-2022	0.0%
	2018-2022	22.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	15.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	24.4%		2017-2021	29.1
	2018-2022	20.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	124.7
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	20.1%		2017-2021	141.0
	2022	17.2%	Uninsured children	2017	3.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$78,245		2021	5.5%
	2018-2022	\$\$95,435	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%		2022	92.1%
	2022	2.4%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	3.4%			
	2022	1.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).					