

Cass County

County Seat: Harrisonville

Population: 111,732

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,857	2,176	11.6%	8.6%	↑	14.7%	3
Food insecurity for children ^a	3,140	3,440	12.4%	13.4%	↓	18.7%	9
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	339	451	7.3%	7.9%	↓	8.9%	54
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	132	172	5.2	6.7	↓	7.1	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	91	87	3.6	3.4	↑	5.5	69
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	56	32	16.8	9.0	↑	15.9	19
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	49	76	1.9	2.9	↓	2.9	42
Education							
High school graduation	1,264	1,242	91.6%	82.5%	↓	91.3%	109
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	686	470	51.7%	39.3%	↓	42.2%	73
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	698	619	51.9%	45.2%	↓	42.3%	24
4th grade math (MAP)	662	590	49.3%	46.8%	↓	43.7%	36
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	563	610	43.2%	41.6%	↓	40.1%	39

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	105,780	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	110.8
	2022	111,732		2024	85.2
Child population under 18	2019	25,202	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	32.7%
	2023	25,852		2024	36.1%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	23.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.9
	2023	23.1%		2023	92.9
Child population under 6	2019	7,626	Family & Community		
	2023	7,549	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	51.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	7.2%		2019-2023	71.1
	2023	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	3,994		2019-2023	12.7%
	2023	5,668	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	24.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	15.8%		2023	39.8
	2023	21.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	1.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	1,217		2023	1.7%
	2023	1,754	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	3.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	16.0%		2023	3.1
	2023	23.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	24.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	4.5
	2019-2023	19.1%		2019-2023	4.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	73.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	26.1
	2019-2023	71.5%		2019-2023	18.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	13.4
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	20.3%		2019-2023	10.1
	2023	13.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	74.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	9.6%		2019-2023	53.0
	2023	8.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	24.7%		2019-2023	33.3%
	2019-2023	22.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	18.1
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	25.9%		2018-2022	31
	2019-2023	22.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	117.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	18.8%		2018-2022	14.7
	2023	17.3%	Uninsured children	2018	6.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$78,569		2022	5.6%
	2019-2023	\$101,312	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2019	3.0%		2023	92.3%
	2023	3.0%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	2.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	2.0%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		