

Cass County

County Seat: Harrisonville

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,233	2,117	9.0%	8.3%	↑	15.3%	3
Food insecurity for children ^a	2,950	3,560	11.7%	13.7%	↓	18.1%	7
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	414	445	7.2%	7.7%	↓	8.9%	49
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	85	91	3.4	3.5	↓	5.4	70
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	40	35	11.9	9.7	↑	15.9	18
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	50	54	2.0	2.1	↓	2.9	26
Education							
High school graduation	1,207	1,321	89.9%	92.1%	↑	92.1%	85
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	865	474	64.2%	38.1%	↓	41.6%	70
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	821	542	61.5%	39.9%	↓	42.1%	50
4th grade math (MAP)	749	578	54.9%	48.0%	↓	44.5%	40
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	879	546	66.9%	39.0%	↓	41.5%	51

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	104,687	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	93.9
	2023	113,873		2025	95.2
Child population under 18	2020	25,207	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	22.3%
	2024	25,943		2025	32.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	23.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.6
	2024	22.8%		2024	93.0
Child population under 6	2020	7,540	Family & Community		
	2024	7,654	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	72.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	7.1%		2020-2024	62.7
	2024	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.9%
Minority child population under 18	2020	4,207		2020-2024	13.2%
	2024	5,899	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	21.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	16.7%		2024	39.1
	2024	22.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.5%
Minority child population under 6	2020	1,340		2024	1.7%
	2024	1,799	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	2.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	17.8%		2024	2.9
	2024	23.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	17.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.0
	2020-2024	21.1%		2020-2024	3.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	71.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	24.9
	2020-2024	71.2%		2020-2024	18.6
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	10.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	16.0%		2020-2024	11.1
	2024	7.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	74.1
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	8.4%		2020-2024	48.8
	2024	7.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	24.1%		2020-2024	25.0%
	2020-2024	24.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	24.6
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	23.7%		2019-2023	18.4
	2020-2024	22.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	127.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	18.8%		2019-2023	142.9
	2024	17.3%	Uninsured children	2019	5.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$81,294		2023	4.8%
	2020-2024	\$102,343	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.1%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.3%		2024	92.0%
	2023	3.0%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	2.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.5%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		