

# Cass County



## Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	5,885	67.2%	1,138,465	72.6%
Black	294	3.4%	206,208	13.1%
Hispanic	2,361	27.0%	176,634	11.3%
Asian	188	2.1%	42,952	2.7%
American Indian	24	0.3%	3,871	0.2%
Total Population	8,752		1,568,130	



## Family and Community

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	13.9	15.9	21.8	70
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	19.5	14.2	17.2	76
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	10	1	483	52
Single Parent Families	18.1%	36.7%	34.2%	17



## Economic Well-Being

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	20.0%	17.3%	18.0%	38
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	41.9%	45.9%	40.5%	17
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	9.1%	9.5%	7.5%	31
Food Insecure Children (2014 and 2017)	21.7%	16.9%	17.4%	49
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	5,286	3,643	605,854	29
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	8.7%	3.7%	3.5%	28
Median Household Income	\$45,575	\$48,598	\$55,725	75
Students Experiencing Homelessness*	420	521	18,811	7



## Health

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	641	460	670	83
Low Birthweight Babies	8.9%	8.0%	8.1%	35
Babies Born Prematurely	10.1%	8.2%	10.2%	76
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	60.2%	70.1%	68.1%	57
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	17.8%	16.6%	11.5%	42
Deaths, Ages 1-19	0	10	531	10
Infants Deaths, Under Age 1	9	4	559	31
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	4	9	1098	28
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	12.9	16.2	8.2	10

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## Early Childhood

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	133	152	22,263	33
Licensed Child Care Centers	2	2	730	45
Licensed Child Care Homes	6	6	2,592	59
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	19	9	4,606	39
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ Levels 3 and 4	1	4	1,622	48

## Grades K-12

	2016	2019	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	3.9%	5.5%	5.9%	39
IREAD-3, Students in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Passing	83.2%	80.3%	87.3%	90
English/Language Arts ISTEP+/ILEARN, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	58.7%	38.5%	47.9%	89
Math ISTEP+/ILEARN Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	47.1%	38.3%	47.8%	85
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	94.2%	92.1%	87.3%	29
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	6,531	6,569	1,112,644	38
English Learner Students	16.4%	18.7%	5.8%	1
Special Education Students	11.4%	12.6%	14.9%	90

## College and Career

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	58.9%	57.8%	63.0%	61
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	48.4%	50.7%	50.1%	34
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	68.9%	86.5%	86.5%	47
College Students Needing Remediation	22.8%	7.9%	11.5%	72

### HOW TO READ THIS DASHBOARD

The County Snapshot is a comprehensive collection of indicators on the well-being of Hoosier youth. Leaders, policymakers, and community members are encouraged to use the data, engage in advocacy, and inform policies, practices, and decision-making.

**Change over time:** Indicators can be compared over a four-year time span.

**State Comparison:** Indicators can be compared to Indiana, for the most recent year.

**Ranking:** All rankings are out of 92 as data values may repeat. One equals greater number of youth affected.

**Discussion Questions:** What is significant? What patterns exist? What questions does the data raise? What additional data should be explored? How might the data be used to inform work and improve youth outcomes?

### SOURCES

**Child Population:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**Family and Community:** Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Department of Correction, U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey

**Economic Well-Being:** U.S. Census Bureau; Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Indiana Department of Education, Feeding America, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

### RESOURCES

IYI exists to improve the lives of all Indiana children by strengthening and connecting the people, organizations, and communities that are focused on children and youth.

**2020 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book:** Developed with you in mind the 2020 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book provides an in-depth profile on child well-being. Download your copy at [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org).

**KIDS COUNT® Data Center:** Access up-to-date critical data and be equipped with the information you need to create measurable change. Visit [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org).

**Data Requests:** Curious about a youth issue? Submit a custom data request by contacting us at [data@iyi.org](mailto:data@iyi.org).

**Health:** County Health Rankings, Indiana State Department of Health  
**Education:** Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration \*The homeless data from IDOE differs significantly from prior reported data. We are continuing to research the source of these variations and encourage all invested parties to ask clarifying questions at the local and state levels.

