

# Cass County



## Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	5,993	67.9%	1,147,927	73.0%
Black	282	3.2%	205,415	13.1%
Hispanic	2,360	26.7%	174,893	11.1%
Asian	168	1.9%	41,230	2.6%
American Indian	22	0.2%	3,944	0.3%
Total Child Population	8,825		1,573,409	



## Family and Community

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15-17	24.8	8.2	8.9	42
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	8.6	15.1	18.8	68
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	22.5	19.5	20.8	67
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	2	8	622	18
Single Parent Families	32.8%	33.0%	36.2%	36



## Economic Well-Being

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0-17	21.2%	19.4%	17.8%	28
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	42.4%	40.5%	39.5%	36
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	8.2%	9.8%	7.7%	23
Food Insecure Children (2013 and 2016)	22.6%	18.6%	17.7%	38
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	5,707	4,269	687,926	27
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	5.8%	3.8%	3.5%	26
Median Household Income	\$44,430	\$47,727	\$54,134	71
Students Experiencing Homelessness	458	397	16,677	8



## Health

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	641	490	700	84
Low Birthweight Babies	7.6%	6.6%	8.3%	67
Babies Born Prematurely	9.3%	8.8%	9.9%	60
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	63.3%	73.2%	68.6%	41
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	21.7%	15.1%	13.5%	63
Deaths, Ages 1-19	2	3	517	32
Infant Deaths, Under Age 1	2	2	602	49
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	0	1	1,138	72



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## Education

### Early Childhood

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	155	152	22,074	32
Licensed Child Care Centers	1	2	694	45
Licensed Child Care Homes	6	9	2,695	46
Licensed Child Care Center and Home Slots Rate per 100 Children, Ages 0-5	5.8	11.5	21.3	58
Children Receiving CCDF Child Care Vouchers	165	105	44,607	41
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	7	24	7,235	35
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ 3-4	1	4	1,334	45

### Grades K-12

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	4.4%	4.0%	6.1%	49
IREAD-3, Students in 3rd Grade Passing	81.5%	82.9%	87.1%	83
English/Language Arts ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	60.8%	55.9%	64.1%	86
Math ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	50.8%	48.7%	58.3%	86
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	92.4%	97.3%	88.1%	4
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	6,540	6,529	1,112,639	38
English Learner Students	16.8%	16.5%	5.2%	1
Special Education Students	11.4%	12.1%	15.3%	91

### College and Career

	2013	2016	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	63%	59%	64%	58
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	45%	57%	50%	10
21st Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	63%	87%	82%	15
College Students Needing Remediation	27%	13%	13%	42

#### 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:** For each indicator, higher rankings (1st) indicate the largest number or percentage and do not necessarily represent better outcomes for youth.

**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

**Health:** County Health Rankings, Indiana State Department of Health

#### RESOURCES

The Indiana Youth Institute 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.

**2019 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book:** Developed with you in mind, the 2019 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).

**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

**Education:** Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

