



Cass County Quick Facts 2018

Demographics

- Cass County's percent of **population growth** is -1.5%. This is significantly lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- The majority of Cass County's population (27.6%) is between the ages of 45-64 followed by the ages of 65+ at (22.3%).

Socioeconomics

- Cass County's **per capita income** is \$ 21,608. This is lower than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Cass County has **one of the highest percent of single-parent households (40%)** compared to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Cass County has a **higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients (18.5) per a population of 100** compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Cass County's **percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (30.4%)** is higher than the regional rate (26.5%) and the state (23.9%).

Education

- Cass County has **one of the lowest dropout rates in the region (1.5%)**, which is significantly lower than the state rate of 6.2%, and the regional rate of 3.6%.
- Cass County's **rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students is lower** than that of the state (51.6 vs. 57.5) and the region (51.6 vs. 53.3).

Family Violence

- Cass County's **rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (12.9)** is lower than the regional rate (13.7) and significantly higher than the state rate (8.6).

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Cass County has the **highest rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (20)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (2.7) and the region (5.6).
- Cass County has a **lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (14.7) vs. Region 4 (21.3)**. However, the rate is still higher than the state rate (10.7).



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Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption

- **Marijuana:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher rates than the state** for current, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades (Grades 7-12).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher numbers for prescription drug use**. Regions 4&5 have the **highest reported current (30-day) use, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades and for the 12th grade in the state**. It should be noted that the reported lifetime use for 7th graders (14.4%) is not too far behind lifetime use for all grades (20.4%).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher reported rates than the state for the two opioid categories** ('Codeine Cough Syrup' and 'OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Oxycodone, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, Hydrocodone').
- **Alcohol:** Students in Regions 4&5 **report substantially higher usage of alcohol in every category compared to the state**.

Teen Births

- Cass County has the **7th highest percent of teen pregnancies at (11.7%)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

Mental Health

- Cass County has **one of the lowest rates of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (3)**, which is significantly lower than that of the state (14) and the region (10).
- Of the **percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Cass County has one of the lowest in the region (16.2%)**, compared to Region 4 (17.6%) and the state (17%).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Cass County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (2.5) is **slightly lower than that of the region (2.7)**.

Health Factors

- Cass County **ranks #208 out of the 242 Texas counties that were ranked for social determinants of health**, which include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.
- Cass County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 16%**.

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