

Cass County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Cass County's percent of population growth (-1.1%) is significantly lower than Region 4 (3.8%). In comparison, the state (14.1 %) and the U.S. (6.0%) had significantly higher population growth rates.
- The majority of Cass County's population (26.7%) is between the ages of 45 - 64 followed by the ages of 65 and older (23.0%).

Socioeconomics

- Cass County's per capita income (\$21,771) is lower than Region 4 (\$24,028), Texas (\$28,583), and the United States (\$31,039).
- Cass County's percent of single-parent households (41%) is higher than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Cass County has a higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (169.2) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Cass County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (24.4%) is lower than the region (24.6%) and higher than the state (22.9%).

Education

- Cass County's dropout rate (2.0%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Cass County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (21.18) is the highest in Region 4, higher than the state (13.37), and the region (10.22).
- Cass County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (51.2) is higher than that of the state (48.9) and equal to the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Cass County has a rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (10.3) which is higher than that of the state (9.0) and lower than the region (13.3).
- In 2018, Texas had 205,215 reported victims of family violence and 200,062 reported offenders. These numbers are significantly lower than last year with 212,529 reported victims and 207,422 reported offenders. Family violence offenses include assault, murder, robbery, rape, and kidnapping/abduction.
- Cass County reported 113 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Cass County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (6.6) than Region 4 (7.6). However, the rate is still higher than the state (3.9).
- Cass County has a rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (169.3) which is lower than that of the region (228.1) and higher than the state (108.6).



Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption

- *Marijuana*: Students in Regions 4&5 have lower 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.
- *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.

Mental Health

- Cass County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (1) is the lowest in the region, lower than that of the state (9.6), and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Cass County's rate (18.5%) is higher than the state (17.9%) and lower than the region (19.1%).
- Cass County's crude suicide rate (20.5) is higher than the state (12.4) and the region (17.8).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Cass County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (245.7) is higher than that of the region (221.7).
- Cass County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are methamphetamine, marijuana, and alcohol.

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 a Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (569.3) higher than the state (416.6) and Region 4 (516.3).
- Cass County has one of the highest adult smoking rates (16%) in the entire state compared to Texas (14.3%).
- Cass County reports a higher rate of prescriptions per 100 people (181) than the state (133) and lower than the region (199).
- Cass County's percent of teen pregnancies (11.7%) is significantly higher than that of the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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