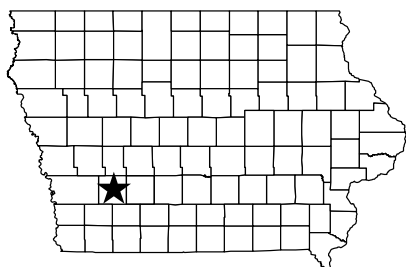


# Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



## Cass County

### Population Profile

Cass County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 2.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Cass County decreased 10.1 percent. Statewide, total population increased 5.4 percent and the population under 18 increased 2.1 percent during that period.

#### 1. Population 17 or younger

	Cass County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	16,932	15,128	14,684	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	26.7	25.6	23.8	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	4,520	3,880	3,488	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	260	182	152	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	490	395	318	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	457	385	327	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	262	224	159	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	226	234	192	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	697	731	598	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	452	462	430	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	487	448	398	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	267	201	209	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	310	208	228	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	299	227	249	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	313	183	228	55,121	37,326	44,699

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

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## Family Profile

In 2000, there were 1,792 families with children under 18 in Cass County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 24.6 percent were headed by a single parent. Statewide, 24.0 percent of families with children under 18 were headed by a single parent in 2000.

### 2. Families with children under 18 years by race/Hispanic Origin, 2000

	Families with children under 18						
	Total	Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
Cass County	1,792	1,352	75.4	315	17.6	125	7.0
White alone	1,776	1,342	75.6	312	17.6	122	6.9
Black alone	4	2	50.0	0	0.0	2	50.0
American Indian alone	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	0	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Some other race alone	5	3	60.0	1	20.0	1	20.0
Two or more races	6	4	66.7	2	33.3	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	13	9	69.2	1	7.7	3	23.1
State	361,153	274,565	76.0	64,367	17.8	22,221	6.2
White alone	338,833	261,530	77.2	57,027	16.8	20,276	6.0
Black alone	8,567	3,285	38.3	4,475	52.2	807	9.4
American Indian alone	1,206	617	51.2	471	39.1	118	9.8
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	4,490	3,712	82.7	563	12.5	215	4.8
Some other race alone	5,176	3,624	70.0	998	19.3	554	10.7
Two or more races	2,881	1,797	62.4	833	28.9	251	8.7
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10,653	7,458	70.0	2,149	20.2	1,046	9.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1 (P34-35).

\*No spouse present.

Note: Includes families with own children only. See definition section on page 4.

The vast majority of children under 18 in Cass County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 14.1 percent in 1990 to 20.8 percent in 2000. The figures for the state were 16.6 percent and 21.2 percent, respectively.

### 3. Children 17 or younger by family type

	Children in all families	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Cass County	Cass County	State	Cass County	State	Cass County
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	3,713	85.9	83.4	11.1	13.7	3	2.9
2000	3,317	79.2	78.9	15.1	16.1	5.7	5.1
White alone	3,269	79.4	80.8	15.0	14.3	5.7	5.0
Black alone	13	69.2	36.1	15.4	57.5	15.4	6.4
American Indian alone	0	NA	56.9	NA	34.8	NA	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	8	87.5	84.8	12.5	11.1	0.0	4.2
Some other race alone	9	88.9	70.5	0.0	21.9	11.1	7.6
Two or more races	18	50.0	57.6	50.0	35.6	0.0	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29	82.8	70.0	10.3	22.6	6.9	7.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1 (P36).

\*No spouse present.

Note: Includes families with own children only. See definition section on page 4.

## Employment of Parents Profile

The majority of children under 6 years of age in Cass County (75.8 percent) had all parents in the labor force\* in 2000. This compared to 71.4 percent statewide.

### 4. Employment status of parents with young children

	Cass County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,175	—	901	—	—	—
Living with two parents	956	100.0	686	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	652	68.2	479	69.8	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	270	28.2	198	28.9	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	7	0.7	5	0.7	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	27	2.8	4	0.6	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	219	—	215	—	—	—
Living with father	59	100.0	63	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	59	100.0	63	100.0	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	0	0.0		11.2
Living with mother	160	100.0	152	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	105	65.6	141	92.8	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	55	34.4	11	7.2		24.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3 (P46).

\*This includes all children in this age group living in single-parent families with that parent in the labor force, as well as children in married-couple families where both parents are in the labor force.

## Income Profile

In 1999, median family income was \$40,564 in Cass County. Median income is the point at which half of the families report more income and half report less. Ten years earlier, median family income in the county was \$26,817. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Cass County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	26,817	40,564	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	28,563	43,077	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	29,597	44,880	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	11,600	22,431	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	7,983	18,393	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	27,976	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	20,795	n/a	28,788

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

\*No spouse present.

# Poverty Profile

The percentage of families with children under 18 living in poverty in Cass County in 1999 was 0.3 percentage points higher than the state average. Families with female householders, no husband present, continued to constitute a disproportionate percentage of total families with children in poverty. Note: See definition section below for poverty thresholds.

## 6. Poverty status of families with children 17 or younger

	Cass County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	362	8.5	296	7.2	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	269	13.6	204	4.9	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	225	5.8	182	5.2	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	143	8.4	96	6.7	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	122	37.2	93	20.7	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	111	50.2	91	27.7	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	15	15.3	21	10.3	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	15	25.4	17	13.5	19.0	14.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

### Definitions and Notes:

**Own children** include all never-married children under 18 years who are sons/daughters by birth, stepchildren, or adopted children of householder.

**Related children** include own children and all other persons under 18 years of age in the household, regardless of marital status, who are related to the householder. Foster children are not included since they are not related to the householder.

**Poverty status** is determined for all persons except those institutionalized, in military quarters, in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years of age. The income cutoffs used to determine poverty status include several thresholds; for families, size is cross-classified by the number of related children under 18 years of age, with everyone in a particular family given the same poverty status. For a two-person family, the poverty threshold averaged \$10,869 in 1999, it was \$13,290 for a three-person family, and \$17,029 for a four-person family.

**Economic data** (e.g., income and poverty) collected in the decennial censuses are based on the previous calendar year. That is the reason for the 1989 and 1999 headings in Tables 5 and 6.

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