**County Facts: Cass County, ND**

Population 178,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: Cass County 2.1%, ND 2.6%, United States 4.4%
- **Poverty rate**: Cass County 11.7%, ND 1.7%, United States 15.1%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Cass County $56, ND $57, United States $60
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Cass County 44%, ND 8%, United States 9%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Cass County 11.7%, ND 7%, United States 2.1%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Cass County 11.7%, ND 10%, United States 6.4%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Cass County 2.1%, ND 1.1%, United States 1.1%

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: Cass County 59%, ND 58%, United States 64%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Cass County 31%, ND 32%, United States 43%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Cass County 22%, ND 18%, United States 29%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Cass County 11%, ND 9%, United States 5%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Cass County 1.5%, ND 0.6%, United States 1.0%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Cass County $5.4, ND $5.2, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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<td>N. Dakota State College Of Science (public)†</td>
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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

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<td>Percent Hispanic</td>
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<td>Percent over age 65</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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<td>Percent college grad</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td>Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents)</td>
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<td>Life expectancy (years)</td>
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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau