

**At-Risk Indicators for Youth in
Cass County, North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota:
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Section I: Clay County

A. Violence

1. Violence Indicators - Clay County, MN

Indicators:	1997 Clay County Sheriff's Department Data ¹	1999 Children's Services Report Card ²	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data ³					
			6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
			Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Physical assaults by juveniles	2							
Hit or beat someone up at least once in the past 12 months			43%	30%	44%	24%	29%	14%
Weapons:								
• Carried a gun to school in the last 30 days			0%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%
• Carried a weapon other than a gun to school in the last 30 days			7%	3%	10%	3%	9%	1%
• Carried a gun or knife to protect yourself in the last 12 months								
Vandalism at least once in the last 12 months			27%	15%	38%	23%	25%	7%
Shoplifting at least once in the last 12 months			9%	8%	33%	26%	28%	18%
'Minor consuming' violations	26							
Juvenile apprehensions: rate per 1,000 juveniles (1997)		76.5 (n=1003)						
Ever thought about suicide			18%	36%	24%	50%	31%	42%
Ever attempted suicide			6%	12%	8%	18%	4%	11%

2. Victimization - Clay County, MN

Indicators:	1999 Minnesota Kids Count ⁴	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
		6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
		Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Children abused and neglected (1997)	90						
Child abuse and neglect reports							
• Services required							
• Services recommended							
Ever hit by an adult in household		6%	12%	6%	12%	4%	6%
Ever touched by an older person outside the family sexually against their wishes or forced to touch them sexually		3%	6%	4%	9%	5%	11%
Ever touched by an older or stronger member of the family sexually or forced to touch them sexually		2%	3%	2%	3%	0%	3%
Ever physically harmed by someone in your family or someone living with you at least once (caused you to have a scar, black and blue marks, welt, bleeding, or a broken bone)							
In the last 2 years, victim of physical violence where someone caused you physical pain or injury at least once							
Threatened on school property in the last 12 months		36%	23%	33%	16%	19%	7%
Kicked, bitten, or hit on school property in the last 12 months		44%	33%	29%	14%	14%	5%
Threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club at least once on school property in the last 12 months		9%	7%	10%	3%	4%	2%
Feel safe at school		93%	95%	95%	95%	100%	99%
Ever afraid of getting hurt by someone at your school							

3. Incarceration - Clay, Becker, Mahnommen, Wadena, Todd, Otter Tail, Douglas, Pope, Wilkin, Traverse, Big Stone, Stevens, and Grant counties in Minnesota

Offense:	West Central Regional Juvenile Center ⁵ (1997)	
	Juveniles Incarcerated	
	Number	Percent
Theft	79	15.8
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	66	13.2
Assault	61	12.2
Burglary	55	11.0
Criminal Damage to Property	43	8.6
DWI/Liquor/Drug Violations	34	6.8
Disorderly Conduct	24	4.8
Obstructing Legal Process	18	3.6
Sexual Misconduct	15	3.0
Vandalism/Arson	15	3.0
Forgery/Fraud	12	2.4
Terroristic Threats	11	2.2
Possession of Stolen Property	8	1.6
Probation/Parole Violation	8	1.6
Tampering	8	1.6
Armed Robbery	7	1.4
Trespassing	7	1.4
Possession/Sale of Controlled Substance	6	1.2
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	6	1.2
Breaking and Entering	5	1.0
Receiving Stolen Property	5	1.0
Driving/Traffic Violations	3	0.6
Fleeing a Police Officer	1	0.2
Kidnaping	1	0.2
Attempted Murder	1	0.2
Total	499	100.0

B. Economics - Clay County, MN

Economic Indicators:	1990 Census Data ⁶		1999 Minnesota Kids Count	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children under 18 living in poverty: percent of total children under 18 for whom poverty is determined	1850	14.8%		
• Under age 5: percent of total children under 5 for whom poverty status is determined	594	16.9%		
• Ages 5-17: percent of total children 5 to 17 for whom poverty status is determined	1256	14.0%		
Children in near-poor families (100 to 150% of poverty): percent of all children under 18 for whom poverty status is determined.	1005	12.4%		
Children living in extreme poverty (less than 50% of poverty): percent of all children under 18 for whom poverty status is determined.	436	5.4%		
Median income of families with children under age 18	\$33,491			
Children eligible for free/reduced price lunch: percent of total school enrollment (1997-98 school year)			2628	29%
Children receiving food stamps: percent of total children under 18 (1997)			2260	17%

C. Health - Clay County, MN

At-Risk Health Indicators:	1999 Minnesota Kids Count	1999 Children's Services Report Card	1996 Minnesota Health Profiles ⁷	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
				6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
				Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Smoked cigarettes during the last 30 days				5%	6%	27%	31%	47%	47%
Alcohol use during the last 30 days				10%	6%	36%	33%	68%	58%
Marijuana use during the last 12 months				2%	2%	20%	21%	45%	30%
Other drug use:									
• Inhalant use during the last 12 months				6%	3%	6%	11%	5%	1%
• Hallucinogen use during the last 12 months						5%	3%	13%	7%
• Cocaine use during the last 12 months						3%	6%	12%	5%
• Amphetamine use during the last 12 months						6%	12%	9%	8%
• Barbiturate use during the last 12 months						4%	6%	2%	2%
• Heroin or other narcotics use in the last 12 months at least once						3%	2%	2%	0%
Sexual intercourse at least once						27%	16%	48%	54%
Weight control:									
• Fast or skip meals in the last 12 months						7%	45%	14%	41%
• Use diet pills or speed in the last 12 months						1%	7%	1%	10%

At-Risk Health Indicators:	1999 Minnesota Kids Count	1999 Children's Services Report Card	1996 Minnesota Health Profiles ⁷	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
				6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
				Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
• Vomit on purpose after eating in the last 12 months						1%	11%	0%	8%
• Exercise in the last 12 months						60%	81%	51%	73%
• Ever binge eat then throw up, or laxative use									
• Ever ate very little and lost so much weight that people became worried									
Children born to teenage mothers: average rate per 1000 women ages 15-17 (three year average for 1995-97)	25.00 (n=31)								
Low birth weight births: percent of total births (1997)	7% (n=42)								
Mothers receiving no prenatal care: percent of total births (1997)		3.4% (n=21)							
WIC participants: percent of eligible persons (1995)			70.85% (n=1422)						
Infant deaths: average rate per 1,000 births (three year average for 1995-1997)		6.10 (n=12)							

D. Family

1. Family Substance Use - Clay County, MN

Indicators:	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
	6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
	Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Alcohol use by any family member repeatedly causing family, health, job, or legal problems	10%	15%	14%	18%	13%	21%
Drug use by any family member repeatedly causing family, health, job, or legal problems	10%	11%	7%	8%	4%	7%

2. Ethnicity - Clay County, MN

Ethnicity/Race:	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data		
	6 th Grade (n=590)	9 th Grade (n=519)	12 th Grade (n=385)
American Indian	2%	1%	1%
African American	0%	0%	0%
Mexican/Latin American	4%	2%	2%
Asian American	1%	1%	1%
White	82%	90%	94%
Biracial/Other	4%	4%	2%

3. Family Structure - Clay County, MN

Child Residence:	1999 Minnesota Kids Count	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
		6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
		Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Both biological parents		59%	61%	71%	68%	74%	69%
Both adoptive parents		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Two-parents							
Mother and stepfather		3%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Father and stepmother		1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Mother only		17%	22%	14%	15%	9%	11%
Father only		2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father		8%	5%	4%	6%	1%	5%
Other		3%	2%		2%	3%	2%
Children in out of home placements (1997)	285						
Children under age 19 in foster care							
• Family home placements							
• ND residential child care facility/group home placement							

E. Education - Clay County, MN

Indicators:	1999 Minnesota Kids Count	Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning ^s	1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data					
			6 th Grade		9 th Grade		12 th Grade	
			Male (n=330)	Female (n=260)	Male (n=255)	Female (n=264)	Male (n=208)	Female (n=177)
Skipped school at least once in the last 30 days (1996-1997)			16%	16%	24%	27%	53%	40%
Children dropping out of school: percent of total enrollment in grades 7-12 (1996-1997)	2% (n=80)							
Total school enrollment (Fall 1998)		9229						
Special education enrollment (Fall 1998)		1368						

F. Data Sources and Definitions for Clay County, MN:

1) Clay County Sheriff's Department:

The data listed for the Clay County Sheriff's Department were from 1997. Data from the Clay County Sheriff's Department is compiled annually. To obtain further information call (218) 299-5151.

2) 1999 Children's Services Report Card:

The data listed for the Children's Services Report Card were obtained from Minnesota Planning. The report card was compiled in 1994, 1996 and 1999. For further information, contact Minnesota Planning at (651) 296-3985 or <www.mnplan.state.mn.us>.

Definitions:

Juvenile apprehensions - The rate per 1,000 children under 18 years of age who were apprehended by police during a year. Each apprehension of a juvenile is counted.

Mothers receiving no prenatal care - The number and percentage of newborns whose mother had not seen a doctor before her seventh month or at any time during her pregnancy.

Infant mortality - The average number and rate (per 1,000 live births) of deaths of infants younger than age 1 who died over a three-year period (1992-1994).

3) 1998 Minnesota Student Survey Data:

The data listed for the Minnesota Student Survey were obtained from the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center. This survey is conducted every other year and is administered to 6th, 9th, and 12th grade students. For further information, contact the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center at (800) 782-1878.

4) 1999 Minnesota Kids Count:

The data listed for the Minnesota Kids Count were obtained from the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota. Minnesota Kids Count is an annual publication. For further information, contact the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota at (888) 870-1402 or <www.cdf-mn.org>.

Definitions:

Children abused and neglected - is the number of children for whom a report of child abuse or neglect was substantiated by a county child protection worker. It is provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services from statistics collected by counties. Substantiated abuse means that the local social service agency has conducted an assessment in response to a report and has found that maltreatment occurred.

Children eligible for free/reduced price lunch - is the number of children who have been approved to receive these meals in October of each school year (children less than 185% of poverty). It is provided by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning. Not all eligible children participate in this program. The percentage of children eligible is the number of children approved for meals divided by the total school enrollment.

Children receiving food stamps - is the monthly average of all persons receiving food stamps (less than 130% of poverty) divided by the US Department of Agriculture's estimate of the percentage of those recipients who are children (51%). It is provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The percentage of children receiving food stamps is the estimated number of children receiving food stamps divided by the estimated total number of children.

Children born to teenage mothers - is the number of infants born to women who were less than age 18 at the time of the child's birth. It is provided by The Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Department of Health, based on information collected from birth certificates. The rate of these births is a combined three year average (1995-1997) of the number of these births per 1,000 women ages 15-17, in order to obtain large enough numbers for this rate to be calculated for all counties.

Low birth weight births - is the number of babies weighing less than 2500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. It is provided by The Center for Health Statistics of the Minnesota Department of Health, based on information collected from birth certificates. The percentage of children born at low birth weight is the number of low birth weight children divided by the total number of births.

Children in out-of-home placements - is the unduplicated number of children who spent time in foster care, group homes, emergency shelter or residential treatment facilities during the year. It is provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services from statistics collected by counties.

Children dropping out of school - is the number of students who were enrolled in school during the previous school year and were not enrolled by October 1 of the current school year. It is provided by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning. The percentage of students dropping out is the number of students dropping out divided by the total enrollment of grades 7 - 12.

5) West Central Regional Juvenile Center:

The data listed for the West Central Regional Juvenile Center were from 1997 and include the following Minnesota counties: Clay, Becker, Mahnommen, Wadena, Todd, Otter Tail, Douglas, Pope, Wilkin, Traverse, Big Stone, Stevens, and Grant. The data are compiled annually. To obtain further information, contact Barry Steen at (218) 299-5150 or by e-mail at barry@co.clay.mn.us.

6) 1990 Census Data:

The data listed for the Census Bureau were from the 1990 Census. The data are collected every ten years. To obtain further information, contact the Census Bureau at www.census.gov.

Definitions:

Children under 18 living in poverty - is the number of children who are living in families with incomes below the poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

Children under 5 and 5 to 17 living in poverty - is the number of children under 5 and 5 to 17 who are living in families with incomes below the U.S. Poverty Threshold. The percentages are the proportions these children represent of the total child population in each respective age category for whom poverty status is determined.

Median income of families with children under age 18 - is the middle point income of the total number of families with children, including those with no income. Half of families with children fall above this point and half fall below.

Children in near-poor families - are the number of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes between 100 and 149 percent of the poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

Children in extreme poverty - are the number of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below 50 percent of the poverty threshold. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

7) 1996 Minnesota Health Profiles:

The data listed for the Minnesota Health Profiles (prepared annually) were obtained from Minnesota Planning. For further information, contact Minnesota Planning at (651) 296-3985 or www.mnplan.state.mn.us.

Definitions:

WIC participants - are persons served by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The estimates do not include persons served by Migrant Health Services programs. The percentage is the proportion persons served by WIC represent of the total persons eligible for WIC.

8) Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning:

The data listed for the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning were from Fall 1998. These data are collected annually. For further information, contact the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning at (651) 582-8200 or www.children.state.mn.us.

Section II: Cass County

A. Violence

1. Violence Indicators - Cass County, ND

Indicators:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count ¹	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey ² : Cass, Richland, and Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Physical assaults by juveniles								
Hit or beat someone up at least once in the last 12 months		50%	36%	35%	35%	27%	21%	19%
Weapons:								
• Carried a gun to school in the last 30 days								
• Carried a weapon other than a gun to school in the last 30 days								
• Carried a gun or knife to protect yourself in the last 12 months		9%	9%	10%	8%	7%	6%	4%
Vandalism at least once in the last 12 months		12%	15%	20%	19%	18%	15%	13%
Shoplifting at least once in the last 12 months		15%	25%	31%	29%	27%	22%	21%
Juvenile arrests for liquor law violations: percent of total juvenile arrests (1997)	14.86% (n=221)							
Runaways								
Juvenile apprehensions								
Ever thought about suicide								
Ever attempted suicide		14%	15%	17%	17%	16%	13%	13%

2. Victimization - Cass County, ND

Indicators:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Children abused and neglected								
Child abuse and neglect reports (1997)	946							
• Services required: percent of total child abuse and neglect reports	9.09% (n=86)							
• Services recommended: percent of total child abuse and neglect reports	56.45% (n=534)							
Ever hit by an adult in household								
Ever touched by an older person outside the family sexually against their wishes or forced to touch them sexually								
Ever touched by an older or stronger member of the family sexually or forced to touch them sexually								
Ever physically harmed by someone in your family or someone living with you at least once (caused you to have a scar, black and blue marks, welt, bleeding, or a broken bone)		30%	29%	32%	29%	31%	25%	23%

Indicators:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
In the last 2 years, victim of physical violence where someone caused you physical pain or injury at least once		31%	29%	29%	32%	31%	25%	22%
Threatened on school property in the last 12 months								
Kicked, bitten, or hit on school property in the last 12 months								
Threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club at least once on school property in the last 12 months								
Feel safe at school								
Ever afraid of getting hurt by someone at your school		31%	31%	28%	25%	22%	14%	9%

3. Incarceration - Cass, Traill, Grand Forks, Richland, Sargent, and Ransom Counties in North Dakota

Offense:	Juveniles Incarcerated in Cass County Detention Center ³ (1998)	
	Number	Percent
Holding on Pickup Order/Court, County, Federal Hold	91	33.7
Drug/Narcotic Violation	27	10.0
Disorderly Conduct	16	5.9
Simple Assault	15	5.6
Drug Equipment Violation	15	5.6
Runaway from Court Placement	10	3.7
Intimidation/Terrorizing/Reckless Endangerment	10	3.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	3.3
Driving Under the Influence	9	3.3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8	3.0
Theft from Building	7	2.6
Aggravated Assault/Assault on Police Officer	6	2.2
Probation Violation	5	1.9
Shoplifting	5	1.9
Possession of Stolen Property	4	1.5
Resisting Arrest	4	1.5
Bench Warrant	3	1.1
Robbery	3	1.1
All Other Larceny	2	0.7
Weapon Law Violation	2	0.7
Criminal Trespass	2	0.7
Domestic Violence	2	0.7
Entry without Inspection	2	0.7
Obstruction of Police	2	0.7
Forcible Rape	1	0.4
Sex Assault	1	0.4
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	0.4
Counterfeit/Forgery	1	0.4

Offense:	Juveniles Incarcerated in Cass County Detention Center ³ (1998)	
	Number	Percent
Destroy/Damage/Vandal	1	0.4
Reckless Driving	1	0.4
Ungovernable Behavior	1	0.4
Runaway from home	1	0.4
Loud Party Ordinance	1	0.4
Failure to Pay Fine	1	0.4
Disruption of Public Building	1	0.4
Total	270	100.0

B. Economics - Cass County, ND

Economic Indicators:	1990 Census Data ⁴		1998 North Dakota Kids Count	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children under age 18 living in poverty: percent of total children under 18 for whom poverty status is determined	2561	10.11%		
• Under age 5: percent of total children under 5 for whom poverty status is determined	905	12.00%		
• Ages 5-17: percent of total children 5 to 17 for whom poverty status is determined	1656	9.31%		
Children in near-poor families (100 to 150% of poverty): percent of total children under 18 for whom poverty status is determined	1941	7.66%		
Children living in extreme poverty (<150% of poverty): percent of total children under 18 for whom poverty status is determined	1143	4.51%		
Median income of families with children under age 18	\$35,293.00			
Children receiving free/reduced price lunch: percent of total school enrollment (1997)			3459	18.88%
Children receiving food stamps: percent of total children under 18 (1997)			3585	12.99%

C. Health - Cass County, ND

At-Risk Health Indicators:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days		9%	17%	24%	30%	38%	44%	45%
Alcohol use during the last 30 days at least once		14%	23%	31%	40%	47%	60%	65%
Marijuana use during the last 12 months		1%	10%	14%	24%	32%	33%	34%
Other drug use:								
• Inhalant use during the last 12 months		14%	15%	18%	12%	9%	5%	5%
• Hallucinogen use during the last 12 months		1%	2%	4%	5%	6%	8%	8%
• Cocaine use during the last 12 months		1%	3%	3%	3%	5%	8%	7%
• Amphetamine use during the last 12 months		2%	5%	9%	10%	11%	12%	10%
• Barbiturate use during the last 12 months								
• Heroin or other narcotics use in the last 12 months		0%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Sexual intercourse at least once		9%	13%	16%	23%	31%	47%	56%
Weight control:								
• Fast or skip meals in the last 12 months								
• Use diet pills or speed in the last 12 months								

At-Risk Health Indicators:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
• Vomit on purpose after eating in the last 12 months								
• Exercise in the last 12 months								
• Ever binge eat then throw up, or laxative use		12%	10%	11%	10%	12%	9%	10%
• Ever ate very little and lost so much weight that people became worried		9%	10%	10%	12%	14%	15%	13%
• Out-of-wedlock births to teens ages 12-19: percent of total live births (1997)	4.84% (n=79)							
Low birth weight births: percent of total live births (1997)	5.51% (n=90)							
Mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care: percent of total live births (1997)	2.76% (n=45)							
WIC participants (1998)	3688							
Deaths of infants under age one: percent of total live births (1997)	0.55% (n=9)							

D. Family

1. Family Substance Use - Cass County, ND

Indicators:	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
	Grades						
	6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Alcohol use by any family member repeatedly causing family, health, job, or legal problems							
Drug use by any family member repeatedly causing family, health, job, or legal problems							

2. Ethnicity - Cass County, ND

Ethnicity/Race:	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
	Grades						
	6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
American Indian	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Black or African American	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hispanic Origin	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
White	93%	93%	94%	93%	94%	94%	95%
Multi-racial	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%

3. Family Structure - Cass County, ND

Child Residence:	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
		Grades						
		6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Both biological parents								
Both adoptive parents								
Two-parents		81%	78%	80%	80%	81%	80%	79%
Mother and stepfather								
Father and stepmother								
Mother only		7%	11%	11%	13%	12%	12%	14%
Father only		1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%
Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father		11%	9%	7%	5%	5%	3%	3%
Other								
Children in out of home placements								
Children under age 19 in foster care: percent of total children under 19 (1997)	1.00% (n=294)							
• Family home placements: percent of children under 19 in foster care	75.17% (n=221)							
• ND residential child care facility/group home placement: percent of children under 19 in foster care	24.83% (n=73)							

E. Education - Cass County, ND

Indicators:	North Dakota Department of Public Instruction ⁵	1998 North Dakota Kids Count	1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey: Cass, Richland, & Sargent Counties, ND						
			Grades						
			6 th (n=376)	7 th (n=1243)	8 th (n=1139)	9 th (n=1226)	10 th (n=1245)	11 th (n=1039)	12 th (n=788)
Skipped school at least once in the last 30 days			13%	13%	14%	21%	26%	28%	28%
High school drop outs grades 9-12: percent of total school enrollment for grades 9-12 (1997)		3.43% (n=210)							
Total School Enrollment (Fall 1998)	19269								
Special education enrollment: percent of total school enrollment (Fall 1997)		9.82% (n=1871)							

F. Data Sources and Definitions for Cass County, ND:

1) 1998 North Dakota Kids Count!

The North Dakota Kids Count is published annually. For further information, contact North Dakota KIDS COUNT! at (701) 777-4916 or <hn3808@handsnet.org>.

Definitions:

Juvenile arrests for liquor law violations - are the number of children under age 18 who violate state or local liquor laws. The percentage is the proportion these arrests represent of total juvenile arrests. The offenses in this category include: minor in possession, minor in a liquor establishment, minor attempting to purchase alcohol, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and miscellaneous other violations related to alcohol, excluding driving under the influence and open container.

Child abuse and neglect reports - are the total number of official reports made to the North Dakota Department of Human Services on behalf of a child where there is the suspicion of child abuse or neglect, with subcategories representing service-based system designations. *Services required* indicates a high level of risk for the child(ren), and/or the family needs are such that immediate service is required in order to lessen the safety risk. *Services recommended* indicates a low to intermediate risk level for the child(ren) and the family has service needs, but a court action will not be requested at the time of a decision.

Children receiving free/reduced price lunch - are the number of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch at their schools. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of total school enrollment.

Children receiving food stamps - are the number of children under age 18 who are eligible recipients of Food Stamps, including migrant children. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18.

Out-of-wedlock births to teens ages 12 -19 - are births occurring to a mother between ages 12-19 who is not married at the time of conception, at the time of birth, or at any time between conception and birth. The percentage is the proportion these births represent of total live births.

Low birth weight births - are the number of babies who weigh less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) at birth. The percentage is the proportion these babies represent of total live births.

Mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care - is the number of infants born to mothers who received inadequate prenatal care. The percentage is the proportion these infants represent of total live births. Inadequate prenatal care is calculated using both an infant's gestational age at birth and the number of prenatal visits completed by the mother at the time of birth: a) gestational age 14-21 weeks with no prenatal visits; b) gestational age 22-29 weeks with one or fewer visits; c) gestational age 30-31 weeks with two or fewer prenatal visits; d) gestational age 32-33 weeks with three or fewer prenatal visits; e) gestational age 34+ weeks with four or fewer prenatal visits.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants - are persons who are eligible for and receive a food voucher and nutrition education contract through the WIC program. To be eligible for WIC, low-income women, infants, and children must be found to be at nutritional risk for medical or dietary reasons. WIC is a prevention program targeted to provide nutrition education, nutritious food, and access to health care. This is not an entitlement program.

Deaths of infants under age one - are the number of deaths occurring for infants under age one, as recorded on death certificates. The percentage is the proportion these deaths represent of total live births.

Children under 19 in foster care - are the number of children placed in living situations outside their family homes as a result of Juvenile Court intervention with subcategories by type of placement. Numbers are unduplicated cases and exclude subsidized adoption. The percentage for the main indicator is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 19. The percentages for the placement subcategories represent the proportion of children under age 19 in foster care. *Family home placements* - an occupied private residence in which foster care is regularly provided by the owner to no more than four children, unless all of the children in foster care are related to each other by blood or marriage in which case such limitation shall not apply; *ND residential child care facility* - a facility other than an occupied private residence providing foster care to more than eight unrelated children, except as may be otherwise provided by rule or regulation; *Group home placement* - an occupied private residence in which foster care is regularly provided for more than four but less than 10 unrelated children.

High school dropouts grades 9-12 - are the number of children in grades 9-12 who have not completed high school and are not currently enrolled at a given point in time, regardless of when they dropped out. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of total school enrollment for grades 9-12.

Special Education Enrollment - includes the number of children enrolled in the following selected special education categories: seriously emotionally disturbed, speech impaired, specific learning disabilities, and educable mentally handicapped. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of total public school enrollment.

2) 1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey

The data listed for the 1997 Search Institute Developmental Assets Survey were obtained from Cass County Extension. The survey was administered in April and May, 1997 to students in grades 6 through 12 at Sargent Central, North Sargent, Wahpeton High School, Wyndmere School, Fairmount School, Richland 44, Lidgerwood School, Hankinson School, Kindred School, Fargo Schools and West Fargo Schools in Sargent, Richland, and Cass Counties, ND. For further information contact Cass County Extension at (701) 241-5700.

3) Cass County Detention Center

The data listed for the Cass County Detention Center are compiled monthly. The counties included are Cass, Traill, Grand Forks, Richland, Sargent, and Ransom. For further information, contact Cass County Detention at (701) 241-5845.

4) 1990 Census Data:

The data listed for the Census Bureau were from the 1990 Census. The data are collected every ten years. To obtain further information, contact the Census Bureau at <www.census.gov>.

Definitions:

Children under 18 living in poverty - is the number of children who are living in families with incomes below the poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

Children under 5 and 5 to 17 living in poverty - is the number of children under 5 and 5 to 17 who are living in families with incomes below the U.S. Poverty Threshold. The percentages are the proportions these children represent of the total child population in each respective age category for whom poverty status is determined.

Median income of families with children under age 18 - is the middle point income of the total number of families with children, including those with no income. Half of families with children fall above this point and half fall below.

Children in near-poor families - are the number of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes between 100 and 149 percent of the poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

Children in extreme poverty - are the number of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below 50 percent of the poverty threshold. The percentage is the proportion these children represent of the total child population under age 18 for whom poverty status is determined.

5) North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

The data listed for the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction are collected annually. For further information, contact the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction at <www.dpi.state.nd.us>.