

Howard County

County Seat: Fayette

County
Composite
Rank

2013
33

2017
59

Population: 10,139

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2015 | 2011 | 2015 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 491 | 458 | 22.7% | 20.9% | ↑ | 20.4% | 34 |
| Food insecurity for children* | 500 | 510 | 23.4% | 22.2% | ↑ | 20.8% | 51 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{^+} | 48 | 57 | 8.2% | 9.5% | ↓ | 8.0% | 102 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000) | 11 | 15 | 5 | 6.8 | ↓ | 7.6 | 63 |
| Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000) | 15 | 15 | 6.8 | 6.8 | → | 10.2 | 86 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 9 | 10 | 21.6 | 25.6 | ↓ | 25.0 | 44 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^] | 15 | 22 | 6.7 | 9.8 | ↓ | 4.5 | 98 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Graduation rate | 101 | 92 | 86.3% | 90.2% | ↑ | 90.2% | 93 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{^#} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 33 | 50 | 37.5% | 51.5% | | 57.2% | |
| 8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 46 | 59 | 48.9% | 58.4% | | 57.6% | |
| 4th grade Math (MAP) | 40 | 47 | 40% | 45.6% | | 49.2% | |
| Algebra I (End of Course exam) | 84 | 75 | 67.7% | 67.6% | | 62.2% | |

[^]Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

LEGEND: ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Total population | 2011 | 10,204 |
| | 2015 | 10,139 |
| Child population under 18 | 2011 | 2,245 |
| | 2015 | 2,245 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2011 | 22% |
| | 2015 | 22.1% |
| Child population under 6 | 2011 | 753 |
| | 2015 | 729 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2011 | 7.4% |
| | 2015 | 7.2% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2011 | 236 |
| | 2015 | 221 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2011 | 10.5% |
| | 2015 | 9.8% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2011 | 75 |
| | 2015 | 88 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of child population | 2011 | 3.3% |
| | 2015 | 3.9% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2006-2010 | 24.8% |
| | 2011-2015 | 30.2% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2006-2010 | 74.8% |
| | 2011-2015 | 68.8% |

Economic Well-being

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|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6 | 2006-2010 | 28.3% |
| | 2011-2015 | 28.8% |
| Children in poverty, ages 6-17 | 2006-2010 | 22.7% |
| | 2011-2015 | 20.9% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2006-2010 | 26% |
| | 2011-2015 | 25.6% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2006-2010 | 42.9% |
| | 2011-2015 | 45.6% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2011 | 33.8% |
| | 2015 | 30.4% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2006-2010 | \$45,347 |
| | 2011-2015 | \$53,555 |
| Adult unemployment | 2011 | 7.6% |
| | 2015 | 4.9% |
| Child homelessness | 2011 | 0% |
| | 2015 | 1% |

Education

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| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2011 | 74.8 |
| | 2016 | 87.8 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2011 | - |
| | 2016 | 24.4% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2011 | 95.1% |
| | 2015 | 95.1% |

Family & Community

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| Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 48 |
| | 2011-2015 | 0 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2006-2010 | 13.6% |
| | 2011-2015 | 11.4% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000) | 2011 | 22.2 |
| | 2015 | 21.9 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2011 | 1.6% |
| | 2015 | 1.9% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2011 | 4.5 |
| | 2015 | 8 |
| Children living in high poverty areas | 2006-2010 | 0% |
| | 2011-2015 | 0% |

Health

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|---|-----------|-------|
| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2006-2010 | 1.7 |
| | 2011-2015 | 5 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 0 |
| | 2011-2015 | 17.9 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 0 |
| | 2011-2015 | 12.9 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2006-2010 | 0 |
| | 2011-2015 | 64.1 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18* | 2006-2010 | 100% |
| | 2011-2015 | 100% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) | 2005-2009 | 15 |
| | 2010-2014 | 14.9 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2005-2009 | 27.7 |
| | 2010-2014 | 76 |
| Uninsured children | 2010 | 8% |
| | 2014 | 8.2% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2011 | 94.1% |
| | 2015 | 94.1% |

*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.