

Howard County

County Seat: Fayette

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 10,058

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	518	449	24.4%	21.0%	↑	19.2%	39
Food insecurity for children ^b	470	460	21.0%	20.2%	↑	18.6%	46
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	49	58	8.3%	9.8%	↓	8.2%	105
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	17	20	7.6	8.9	↓	7.2	95
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	13	13	5.8	5.8	→	9.2	75
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	5	24.8	12.9	↑	23.3	10
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	22	21	9.9	9.5	↑	4.2	98
Education							
Graduation rate	99	98	90.0%	89.9%	↓	91.5%	102
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	48	59	48.0%	64.8%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	33	43	36.7%	50.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	39	41	43.8%	43.6%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	47	77	49.0%	68.8%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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2014
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2018
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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	10,189
	2016	10,058
Child population under 18	2012	2,220
	2016	2,199
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	21.8%
	2016	21.9%
Child population under 6	2012	743
	2016	716
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.3%
	2016	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	220
	2016	200
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	9.9%
	2016	9.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	76
	2016	81
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	10.2%
	2016	11.3%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	27.8%
	2012-2016	32.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	72.1%
	2012-2016	67.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	30.7%
	2012-2016	18.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	24.4%
	2012-2016	18.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	20.3%
	2012-2016	16.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	37.2%
	2012-2016	47.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	35.3%
	2016	31.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$54,861
	2012-2016	\$49,306
Adult unemployment	2012	6.1%
	2016	4.4%
Child homelessness	2012	0.0%
	2016	3.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	71.2
	2017	107.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	20.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.8%
	2016	95.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	47.8
	2012-2016	47.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	7.9%
	2012-2016	8.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	32.4
	2016	23.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.1%
	2016	1.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	8.6
	2016	12.7
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	3.4
	2012-2016	3.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	4.5
	2012-2016	26.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	0.0
	2012-2016	10.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	52.8
	2012-2016	109.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	38.3
	2011-2015	81.8
Uninsured children	2011	7.7%
	2015	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.4%
	2016	94.0%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.