

Howard County

County Composite Rank

2015 **22**

2019 **57**

Population: 10,139

County Seat: Fayette

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	513	405	23.4%	19.0%	↑	18.5%	32
Food insecurity for children ^b	480	450	21.7%	20.1%	↑	17.4%	65
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	49	55	8.4%	9.2%	↓	8.4%	98
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	11	10	5.0	4.5	↑	7.1	21
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	10	10	4.5	4.5	→	8.0	62
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	9	9.6	24.1	↓	22.5	49
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	22	19	9.8	8.6	↑	3.3	100
Education							
Graduation rate	102	89	90.3%	89.0%	↓	91.0%	101
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		58		55.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		67		66.3%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		50		56.8%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	10,257
	2017	10,139
Child population under 18	2013	2,250
	2017	2,197
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	21.9%
	2017	21.7%
Child population under 6	2013	737
	2017	722
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.2%
	2017	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2013	217
	2017	206
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	9.6%
	2017	9.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	79
	2017	70
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	10.7%
	2017	9.7%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	28.2%
	2013-2017	31.3%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	71.6%
	2013-2017	67.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	38.5%
	2017	30.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	21.7%
	2017	17.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	26.4%
	2013-2017	20.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	41.7%
	2013-2017	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	34.1%
	2017	28.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$52,750
	2013-2017	\$53,750
Adult unemployment	2013	5.6%
	2017	3.9%
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%
	2017	2.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	70.3
	2018	103.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.0%
	2018	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	24.0
	2013-2017	48.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	8.3%
	2013-2017	7.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	26.2
	2017	51.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.4%
	2017	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	11.6
	2017	10.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	1.7
	2013-2017	5.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	17.9
	2013-2017	26.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	10.9
	2013-2017	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	56.2
	2013-2017	164.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	%
	2013-2017	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	7.3**
	2012-2016	14.7**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	55.8
	2012-2016	78.5
Uninsured children	2012	8.6%
	2016	6.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.9%
	2017	93.7%

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

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).