

Howard County

County Seat: Fayette

County
Composite
Rank

2016
40

2020
76

Population: 10,113

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	488	389	22.8%	18.2%	↑	18.3%	31
Food insecurity for children ^b	530	430	23.1%	19.1%	↑	17.5%	57
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	49	51	8.2%	8.8%	↓	8.5%	87
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	17	20	7.5	9.1	↓	7.1	99
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	11	7	4.8	3.2	↑	7.5	48
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	13	17.6	34.7	↓	21.6	86
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	13	24	5.7	10.9	↓	4.0	104
Education							
High school graduation	97	101	91.5%	92.7%	↑	91.3%	68
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		56		58.9%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		40		43.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		50		47.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		48		48.5%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

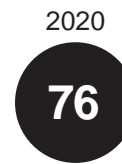
^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	10,159
	2018	10,113
Child population under 18	2014	2,296
	2018	2,199
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.7%
	2018	22.3%
Child population under 6	2014	730
	2018	720
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.2%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	219
	2018	224
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	9.9%
	2018	10.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	81
	2018	81
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	11.1%
	2018	11.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	31.8%
	2014-2018	30.5%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	66.9%
	2014-2018	67.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	28.9%
	2018	25.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	20.9%
	2014-2018	16.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.6%
	2014-2018	21.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.4%
	2014-2018	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	29.6%
	2018	27.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$47,500
	2014-2018	\$53,289
Adult unemployment	2014	5.4%
	2018	2.8%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	4.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	97.8
	2019	71.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	20.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.4%
	2018	94.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.9
	2014-2018	51.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	10.1%
	2014-2018	8.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	12.3
	2018	30.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.2%
	2018	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	2.3
	2018	5.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	1.7
	2014-2018	6.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	17.6
	2014-2018	26.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	10.9
	2014-2018	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	56.3
	2014-2018	163.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	6.6**
	2013-2017	19.9**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	49.4
	2013-2017	82.9
Uninsured children	2013	8.7%
	2017	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.6%
	2018	93.4%

^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)