

# Howard County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	449	335	21%	15.6%	↑	15.5%	32
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	460	350	20.2%	15.7%	↑	15.1%	42
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	57	41	9.5%	7.3%	↑	8.7%	36
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	20	11	8.9	5	↑	7.1	34
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	13	5	5.8	2.3	↑	6.2	27
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	8	12.9	20.2	↓	18.8	48
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	21	11	9.5	5	↑	3.2	71
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	98	78	89.9%	97.5%	↑	91.3%	11
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	10,058
	2020	10,022
Child population under 18	2016	2,199
	2020	2,205
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.9%
	2020	22%
Child population under 6	2016	716
	2020	662
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.1%
	2020	6.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	200
	2020	252
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	9.1%
	2020	11.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	81
	2020	93
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	11.3%
	2020	14%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	32.5%
	2016-2020	21.9%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	67.3%
	2016-2020	65.5%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	18.3%
	2020	19.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	20.9%
	2016-2020	14.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.6%
	2016-2020	18.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	45.6%
	2016-2020	37.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	31.3%
	2020	23.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$53,555
	2016-2020	\$58,295
Adult unemployment	2016	4.4%
	2020	4.1%
Child homelessness	2016	3%
	2020	4.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	107.8
	2021	38.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	20.3%
	2021	23.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.2%
	2020	95.2%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	50.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.64%
	2016-2020	9.19%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	23.4
	2020	17.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.6%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	12.7
	2020	10.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5
	2016-2020	5.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	17.9
	2016-2020	28.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	12.9
	2016-2020	0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	64.1
	2016-2020	165.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	14.9
	2015-2019	20.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	76
	2015-2019	90.4
Uninsured children	2015	7.3%
	2019	7.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94%
	2020	94.5%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).