Howard County

County Seat: Fayette

Population: 10,101

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	386	301	18.2%	14.4%	↑	14.7%	29
Food insecurity for children [a]	370	370	16.3%	16.7%	↓	18.7%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	40	38	8.6%	7.5%	↑	8.9%	42
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	16	12	7.3	5.6	↑	7.1	45
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	4	3.2	1.9	↑	5.5	31
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	8	18.8	17.7	↑	15.9	49
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	15	25	6.9	11.6	↓	2.9	110
Education							
High school graduation	94	108	90.4%	96.5%	↑	91.3%	31
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	43	47	43.0%	51.1%	↑	42.2%	9
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	58	38	53.2%	40.0%	↓	42.3%	55
4th grade math (MAP)	39	26	44.3%	30.2%	↓	43.7%	106
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	46	29	41.8%	25.0%	↓	40.1%	106

[a] Data based on 2018 and 2022.
[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2019	10,001
	2022	10,101
Child population under 18	2019	2,185
	2023	2,158
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.8%
	2023	21.4%
Child population under 6	2019	695
	2023	637
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.9%
	2023	6.3%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	230
	2023	306
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	10.5%
	2023	14.2%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	81
	2023	110
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	11.7%
	2023	17.3%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	30.5%
	2019-2023	18.2%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	67.7%
	2019-2023	66.7%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	16.5%
	2023	24.0%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	16.0%
	2023	13.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	21.1%
	2019-2023	20.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	43.2%
	2019-2023	33.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	24.5%
	2023	21.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$53,289
	2019-2023	$80,987
Adult unemployment	2019	3.1%
	2023	3.1%
Child homelessness	2019	2.4%
	2023	3.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	71.9
	2024	44.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	20.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.3
	2023	93.7

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	51.9
	2019-2023	21.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.0%
	2019-2023	11.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	6.0
	2023	27.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.0%
	2023	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	14.2
	2023	8.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	6.9
	2019-2023	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	26.6
	2019-2023	9.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	0.0
	2019-2023	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	163.9
	2019-2023	50.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	100.0%
	2019-2023	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	19.9**
	2018-2022	7.7**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	82.9
	2018-2022	10.7
Uninsured children	2018	7.7%
	2022	7.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	94.7%
	2023	92.6%

[a] Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.
[b] If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).