

# Howard County

County Seat: Fayette

Population: 10,150

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	335	286	15.6%	13.6%	↑	15.3%	25
Food insecurity for children <sup>a</sup>	350	360	15.7%	16.1%	↓	18.1%	27
<b>Health<sup>b</sup></b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>c</sup>	41	43	7.3%	8.6%	↓	8.9%	79
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	5	4	2.3	1.9	↑	5.4	36
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	4	20.2	8.8	↑	15.9	15
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	11	12	5.0	5.6	↓	2.9	92
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	78	98	97.5%	95.1%	↓	92.1%	46
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	59	49	64.8%	46.7%	↓	41.6%	26
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	43	30	50.0%	32.6%	↓	42.1%	87
4th grade math (MAP)	41	34	43.6%	37.8%	↓	44.5%	85
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	77	37	68.8%	36.3%	↓	41.5%	62

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

## Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Data based on 2019 and 2023.

<sup>b</sup>"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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## Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	10,022	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	38.1
	2023	10,150		2025	76.9
Child population under 18	2020	2,205	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	23.8%
	2024	2,158		2025	12.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	95.2
	2024	21.3%		2024	94.0
Child population under 6	2020	662	Family & Community		
	2024	654	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	50.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.6%		2020-2024	21.3
	2024	6.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	9.2%
Minority child population under 18	2020	252		2020-2024	10.8%
	2024	310	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	17.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	11.4%		2024	21.7
	2024	14.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	93		2024	1.4%
	2024	105	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	10.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	14.0%		2024	10.2
	2024	16.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	21.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	5.3
	2020-2024	16.0%		2020-2024	6.0
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	65.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	28.6
	2020-2024	65.5%		2020-2024	9.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	19.9%		2020-2024	0.0
	2024	13.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	165.3
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	14.4%		2020-2024	47.3
	2024	12.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	18.8%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	20.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2012-2018	20.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	37.2%		2019-2023	15.6**
	2020-2024	29.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	90.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	23.7%		2019-2023	107.7
	2024	19.5%	Uninsured children	2019	7.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$58,295		2023	6.4%
	2020-2024	\$81,993	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.5%
Adult unemployment <sup>a</sup>	2020	4.1%		2024	92.9%
	2023	3.1%	<sup>a</sup> There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.8%	<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.0%	<sup>c</sup> *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		