

Howard County

POPULATION OF HOWARD COUNTY:

306,508

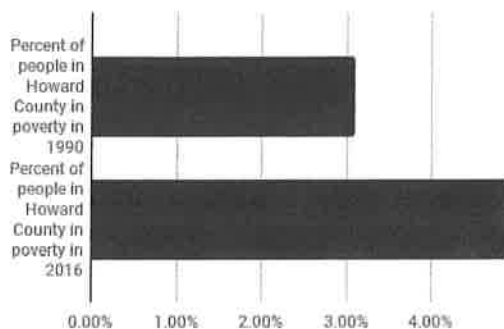
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOWARD COUNTY
LIVING IN POVERTY:

1990	2016
5,784	15,109

Income

Ranking*

POVERTY RATES IN HOWARD COUNTY (1990 VS 2016)



CHANGE IN POVERTY
RATE FROM 1990-2016



58.1 %

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MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Howard County is \$113,800.
Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016

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POVERTY RATE

4.9% of people in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$24,300 for a family of four – in 2016.
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CHILD POVERTY RATE

5.8% of children in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$24,300 for a family of four – in 2016.
Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016

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SENIOR POVERTY RATE

4.8% of seniors in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$11,880 for an individual – in 2016.
Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016

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POVERTY RATE AMONG BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN MARYLANDERS

9.6% of Black or African American Marylanders in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$11,880 for an individual – in 2016. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016*

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POVERTY RATE AMONG HISPANIC OR LATINO MARYLANDERS

10.7% of Hispanic or Latino Marylanders in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$11,880 for an individual – in 2016. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016*

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POVERTY RATE AMONG FEMALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

13.6% of Female-Headed Households in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$24,300 for a family of four – in 2016. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016*

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INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE

12.0% of people in Howard County live below 200% of the poverty line - \$48,600 for a family of four in 2016.
Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016

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INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN DEEP POVERTY

50.9% of people in Howard County who live in poverty have incomes below 50% of the poverty line - \$5,940 for an individual – in 2016. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016*

Ranking*

24	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.2% of residents of Howard County are unemployed. <i>Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Data by County, 2016 average</i>
6	HOUSING WAGE A worker in Howard County needs to make \$26.46 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two-bedroom apartment without spending more than 30% of his or her income. <i>National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2017</i>
15	PERCENT OF INCOME SPENT ON CHILD CARE Families with two children making the median income in Howard County pay, on average, 19.9% of their income for childcare per year. <i>Maryland Child Care Resource Network, Child Care Demographics 2017</i>
24	CHANGE IN POVERTY SINCE 1990-2016 There has been a 58.1% increase in poverty in Howard County between the years 1990 and 2016. <i>Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016</i>

Income Supports

15	PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS IN POVERTY WITH CHILDREN THAT RECEIVE TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE 17.8% of families with children who live below the Federal Poverty Line in Howard County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in FY 2017. <i>FY 2017 DHR FIA Statistical Report & American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016</i>
21	CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE 0.93% of children in Howard County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in FY 2017. <i>FY 2017 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i>
22	ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE 1.28% of adults in Howard County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in FY 2017. Individuals received a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2017 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i>
24	PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM 5.8% of people in Howard County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit was \$125.05 per person per month in FFY 2017. <i>FY 2017 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i>
15	PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM 55.4% of eligible individuals in Howard County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>FY 2017 DHR FIA Statistical Report & American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016</i>
22	PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM 22.0% of children in Howard County were eligible for the FARMS program during the 2016-2017 school year, meaning their families' incomes were at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line. <i>Maryland Department of Education</i>
23	MEDICAID ENROLLMENT 14.5% of people in Howard County participated in the Medicaid (Medical Assistance) Program in FY 2017. <i>Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Medicaid eHealth Statistics</i>
20	UNINSURED POPULATION 5.10% of people living in Howard County remain uninsured. <i>Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012-2016</i>



* Ranking - a ranking of 1 indicates the jurisdiction has the highest figure in the state in that category, and a ranking of 24 means the lowest figure in the state in that category. Therefore, being ranked 1 does not necessarily mean success in a given category.