



HOWARD COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
Low	Low

*Need is from a composite score including % food insecure, % SNAP eligible, % NSLP enrolled, and % < 5 WIC eligible. Performance is from a composite score including % eligible and participating in SNAP, NSLP, WIC, and pounds of food distributed per capita < 100% poverty.

NEED INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Food Insecurity 2021			
% Individuals Food Insecure	9.2%	11.6%	Very Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	9.7%	12.8%	Very Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	4.3%	5.6%	Very Low
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
% Total Population Income Eligible	15.8%	17.0%	Low
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	20.0%	22.6%	Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled	41.9%	46.8%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	32.8%	38.4%	Very Low
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
Number of Monthly Participants	844	685,547	—
% Total Population Participating	8.3%	11.2%	Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	56.7%	67.4%	Average
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	368	294,385	—
% < 18 Years Participating	16.4%	21.1%	Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	61.8%	67.2%	Very Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	91	65,924	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	46.5%	47.8%	Average
Food Bank Distributions 2021			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	178,931	153,681,512	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	195	202	Low
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2021			
Total Population	10,147	6,141,534	—
% Population < 18 Years	22.1%	22.7%	—
% Population > 64 Years	19.5%	16.8%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	34.7%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.1%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	36.6%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2021			
% Population Below Poverty Level	9.8%	12.8%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	10.2%	16.9%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	8.3%	8.9%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$58,596	\$61,043	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1%	4.1%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	8.1%	8.5%	—
Food Affordability (%)	19.1%	15.0%	—