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 2023			
% Individuals Food Insecure	14.3%	15.4%	Very Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	16.1%	18.1%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	6.5%	5.8%	Very Low
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	16.8%	16.1%	Low
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	20.5%	25.0%	Very Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	42.3%	47.4%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	38.8%	37.4%	Low

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	736	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	7.3%	10.3%	Very Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	46.7%	63.9%	Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	306	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	13.7%	19.6%	Very Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	64.2%	66.9%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	91	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	40.1%	51.2%	Low
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	230,929	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	192	175	Average

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	10,141	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	22.1%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	19.9%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	34.7%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.1%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	36.6%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	12.8%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	13.9%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	11.5%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$62,628	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	8.1%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	17.2%	13.1%	—

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