



2006 County Fact Sheet: Youth Development Indicators

Howard County

POPULATION DATA	COUNTY	STATE
Total Population (2006)	9,677	2,982,085
Population Under Age 18 (2006)	2,307	710,194
Percent of the Population Under Age 18 (2006)	23.8	23.8
Percent of the Population that is Non-White (2006)	1.9	9.0
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILY INDICATORS		
Percent of Youth Who Feel They Have Family Involvement and Support (2005)	76.1	68.9
Percent of Youth Who Feel Their Parents/Guardians Set Boundaries (2005)	85.1	81.0
Rate of Total Child Abuse per 1,000 Youth (2006)	21.2	28.8
Rate of Physical Child Abuse per 1,000 Youth (2006)	2.2	2.9
Rate of Denial of Critical Care Child Abuse per 1,000 Youth (2006)	17.8	22.2
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL INDICATORS		
Percent of Youth Who Feel Safe at School (2005)	95.4	96.1
Percent of Youth Who Feel Their Peers Promote Positive Norms (2005)	73.8	73.8
Percent of Youth Who Feel They Get Support at School from Students and Staff (2005)	51.3	43.2
Rate of Out-of-School Suspensions per 1,000 Students (2006-2007)	8.4	60.5
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY INDICATORS		
Percent of People in Poverty (2005)	11.4	10.8
Percent of Youth in Poverty (2005)	14.3	13.9
Percent of Adults Unemployed (2006)	3.6	3.7
Percent of Youth Who Feel Their Neighborhood is Safe (2005)	79.7	78.1
Percent of Youth Who Feel Their Neighborhood is Supportive (2005)	54.8	44.6
Rate of Adult Arrests per 1,000 Adults (2005)	37.0	45.1
HEALTHY INDICATORS		
Percent of Youth Who Have Used Alcohol in the Past 30 Days (2005)	24.4	19.0
Percent of Youth Who Have Used Tobacco in the Past 30 Days (2005)	12.2	10.0
Percent of Youth Who Have Tried to Kill Themselves (2005)	9.5	11.0
Percent of Youth Who Are Physically Active 5+ Days a Week (2005)	54.3	58.0
Percent of Youth Who Feel They are Either Overweight or Underweight (2005)	39.0	42.0
SOCIALLY COMPETENT INDICATORS		
Percent of Youth Who Have Displayed Violent or Aggressive Behavior (2005)	91.2	85.3
Percent of Youth Who Feel They are Empathetic (2005)	86.5	87.4
Percent of Youth Who Feel They Have Self Confidence (2005)	73.8	65.9
Rate of Juveniles Complaints per 1,000 Youth (2006)	41.6	41.2
SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL INDICATORS		
Percent of 8th Graders Proficient in Reading Comprehension (2006-2007)	77.9	73.4
Percent of 8th Graders Proficient in Math (2006-2007)	84.0	76.1
Percent of Students Who Drop Out of High School (2006-2007)	1.5	2.3
Percent of Youth Who Feel Committed to School and Learning (2005)	83.0	76.6
PREPARED FOR PRODUCTIVE ADULTHOOD INDICATORS		
Percent of Students Who Graduate from High School (2006-2007)	95.0	90.5
Percent of 11th Graders Who Spend 6+ Hrs/Week Working (2005)	54.3	48.0
Percent of 11th Graders Who Spend 1+ Hrs/Week at Extra-Curricular Activities (2005)	72.1	71.0
Percent of 11th Graders Who Spend 1+ Hrs/Week at Non-School Structured Activities (2005)	63.1	62.0
Percent of Youth Age 16-19 Who Are Not in School and Not Working (2000)	0.2	1.9
Rate of Teen Births per 1,000 Females Age 15-19 (2006)	42.3	32.9

Please refer to the data dictionary for detailed information about each indicator.

Data up-to-date as of 1/08.