

HARDEE COUNTY Health Equity Profile

Equality



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HEALTH EQUITY

is the availability of health care while taking in to account the other factors that influence health.

- employment, housing, transportation, education, socioeconomic status, food access, etc.

EQUALITY

is equal treatment and availability of health care services for all people.

Social Determinants of Health

conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.



Hardee County, Department of Health Health Equity Plan

Hardee County Health Equity Coalition

- Minority Health Liaison
- Health Equity Team

Health Disparity of focus in Hardee County is Diabetes by addressing education access.

For more information, visit [Hardee Health Equity Plan](#)

Neighborhood Conditions

Food insecurity is a social determinant of health.

Food Insecurity Rate

15%

Hillsborough County, 2019

FL Food Insecurity Rate: **12%**



Food insecure households typically are low-income and may experience issues like

social isolation, lack of affordable housing, low wages and high medical costs.



2%

Population Living
Within 1/2 Mile of a
Healthy Food Source

Public Spaces



4%

Population living
within 1/2 mile of
a park



14%

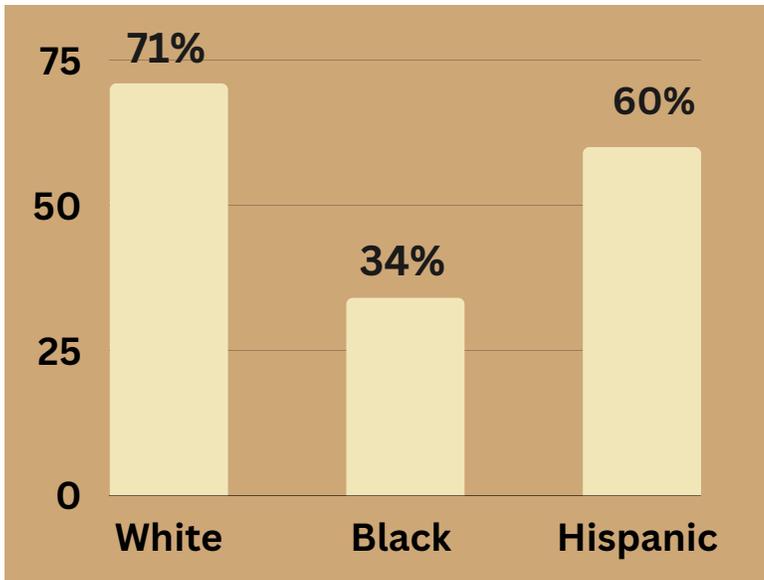
Population living in severe
housing problems, 2020

- lack of kitchen facilities & plumbing facilities
- more than 1.5 persons per room
- severe cost burden (monthly housing costs including utilities exceed 50% of monthly income)

Neighborhood Conditions

Owner-occupied housing, 2020.

Measure of well-being that assesses neighborhood stability.



Benefits to becoming a Homeowner:

- More opportunities to save money
- Increase of Social Ties
- Higher Self-Esteem
- Increase in perceived control over your life
- Better child performance in schools

32%

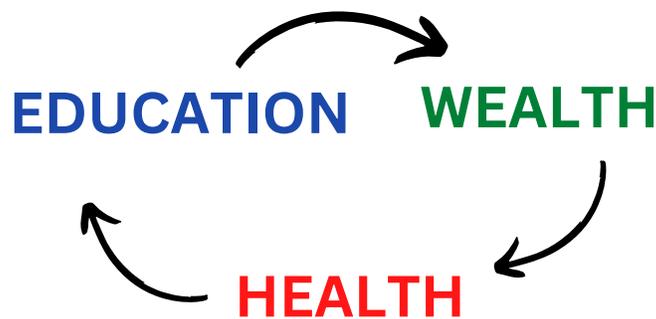
Residents spending 30%+ of Household Income on Gross Rent 2015-2019

Gross rent=
Utilities + Rent

Socioeconomic Status

24%

of individuals 25 years and over with no high school diploma



- Education creates opportunities for better health (income/resources, better neighborhoods, etc.)
- Poor health can effect educational attainment
- Conditions throughout life course can affect health and education (stress, access to care, discrimination, etc).

Population Living Below the Federal Poverty Line, by Race. 2020

25%	21%	34%
White	Black	Hispanic

Socioeconomic Status

Median Household Income– Racial Differences, 2020



\$38,835

White residents

\$25,805

Black residents

\$32,043

Hispanic residents

Median Household Income in Florida:



\$57,703

Unemployment Rate

7.0%

2020

4.8%

2022

COVID-19 Impact:

- February–April 2020: Florida lost 1.28 million jobs.
- 2022: Estimated the state has regained those lost jobs and added 1.65 million more.

Children's Health

23%

**Students who are Obese,
Middle & High School
Compared to FL: 15%**

Childhood Obesity can increase the risks of:

- Developing heart disease
- Joint problems
- Breathing problems
- Psychological problems
- Low self-esteem

**Percent of students who were physically active
for at least 60 minutes on all 7 of the past 7 days**

27%

Middle School Students

18%

High School Students



Children's Health

21%

**Child
Food Insecurity
Rate, 2020**



Graduation rate, 2019

Disadvantaged students are defined as those who are determined to qualify for free or reduced lunch.

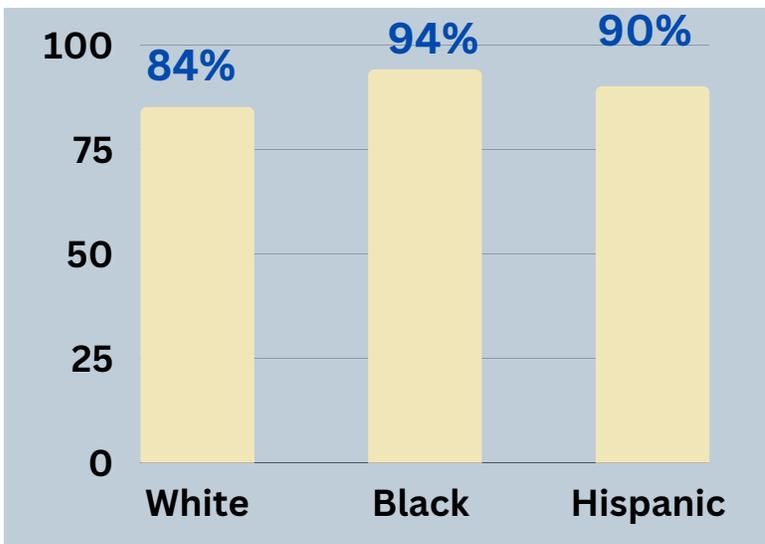
88%

Disadvantaged

89%

Not Disadvantaged

High School Graduation Rate, 2020-2021



Students who do not graduate high school are more likely to work low wage jobs, live in poverty and report worse health.

For more information, visit [Healthy People, 2030](#)

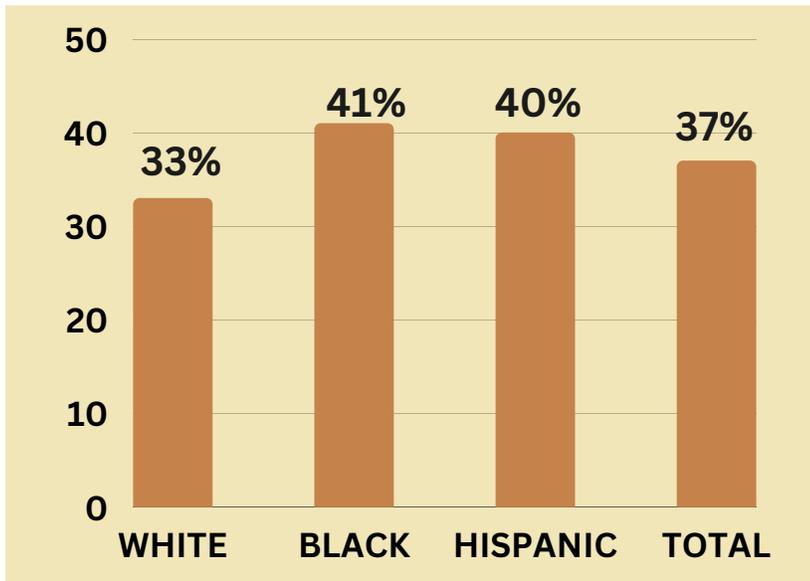
Risks associated with juvenile arrests:

- cognitive deficits
- low school involvement
- living in poverty
- being runaway or homeless

346.9
per 10,000
Youths Arrested

Healthcare Access

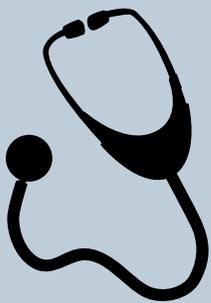
Had an unmet (medical, dental or mental) health need during the past 12 months. By race, 2020



19%



Adults who could not see a doctor in the past year due to cost



66%

Adults who have a personal Doctor

Florida: **72%**

Some benefits of having a primary care provider:

- Saves costs
- Keep you up-to-date with vaccines and screenings
- Timely care

Healthcare Access

Healthcare Providers & Resources (per 100,000)	County	Florida
Total licensed Providers (Fiscal year 21-22)	10.9	314
Family practice physicians	0	19.2
Dentists	10.9	56.7
Pediatricians	3.6	21.9
Internists/Internal Medicine	3.6	47.3
OB/GYN's	0	9.2
Licensed Mental Health Counselors	18.1	57.3
FACILITIES	County	Florida
Total hospital beds	90.7	307.6
Total Acute care beds	90.7	248.9
Specialty Beds	0	58.6
Nursing Home beds	377.2	386.5



Uninsured Population

(under 65 years)

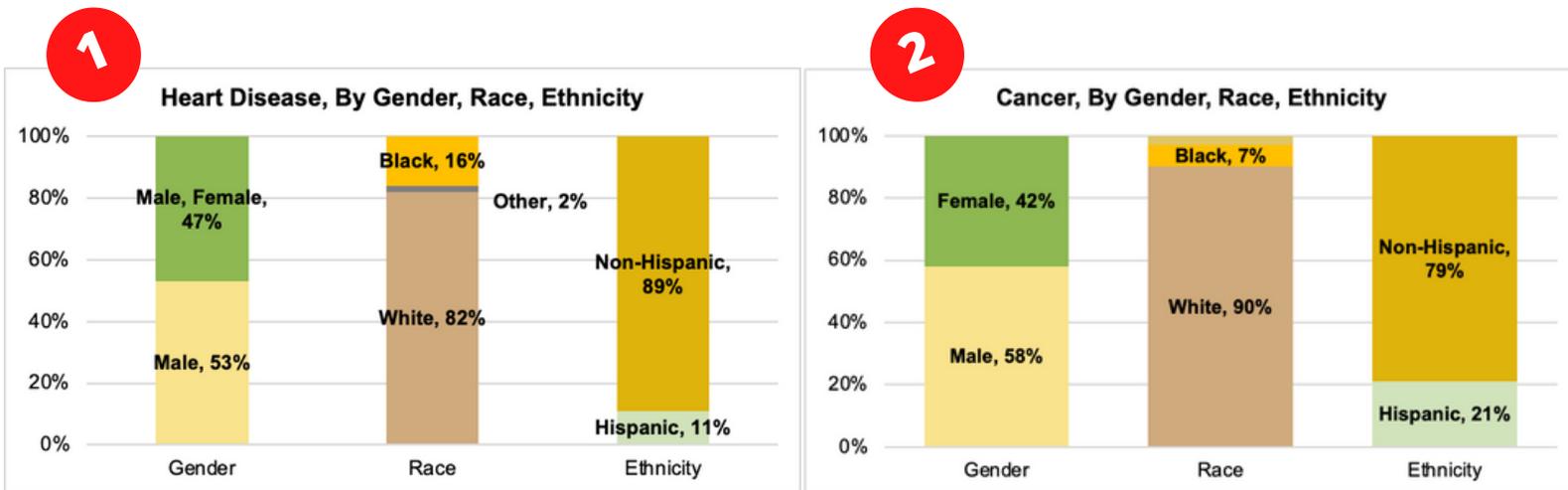


There are 0 Family Practice Physicians in Hardee County.

Leading Causes of Death, 2020

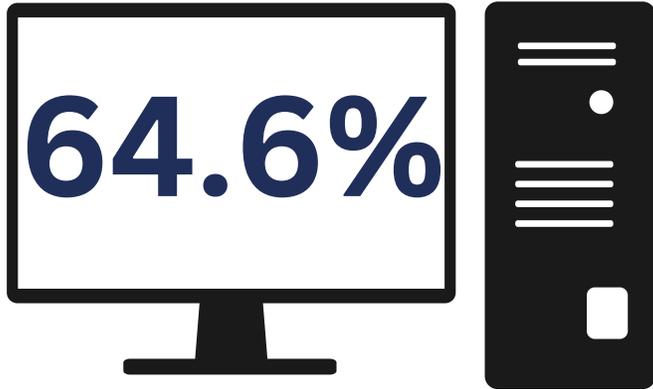
1. Heart Disease
2. Cancer
3. Stroke
4. COVID-19
5. Unintentional Injuries (All Injuries)

Top 2 Leading Causes of Death, 2020¹



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Households with Broadband Internet Subscription, 2016-2020

Digital Divide: growing gap between the underprivileged members of society who do not have access to computers or the internet and those that do.

low-income, elderly, handicapped, those who live in rural areas.

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