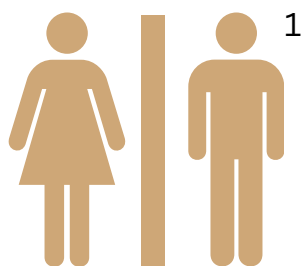




# 2023 HARDEE COUNTY HEALTH PROFILE

Total Population: **27,436**<sup>1</sup>



**53.6%**  
**Male**  
**46.4%**  
**Female**

## Population by Age<sup>1</sup>

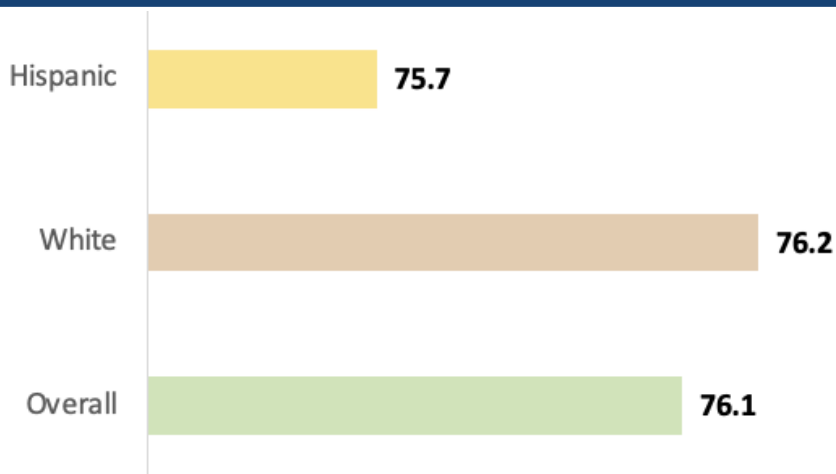
Population under age 5: **6.5%**

Population under 18: **25.2%**

Population over 65: **16.4%**

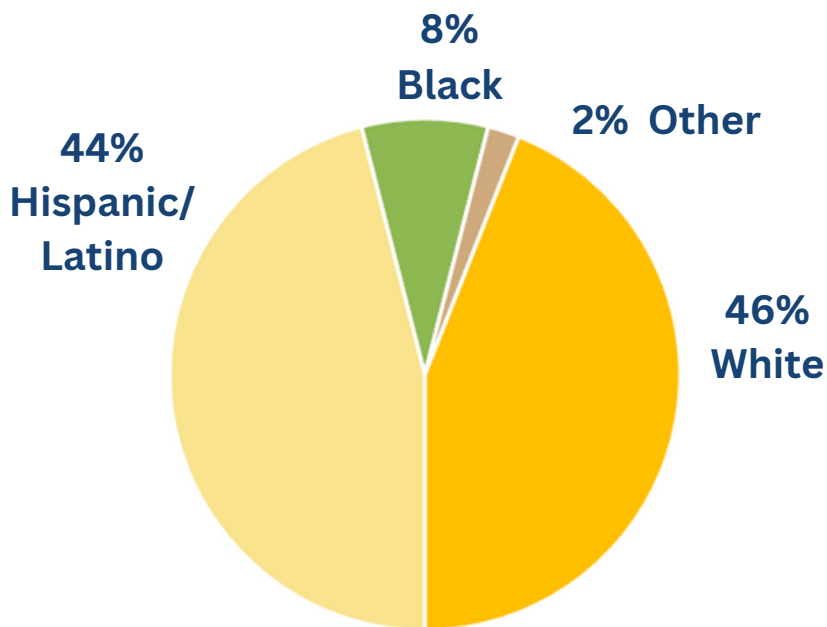
**35.6**  
**Median Age**<sup>1</sup>

## Life Expectancy by Race/Ethnicity<sup>2</sup>



\*Life expectancy data for Blacks in Hardee county is not available.

## Population by Race/Ethnicity<sup>1</sup>





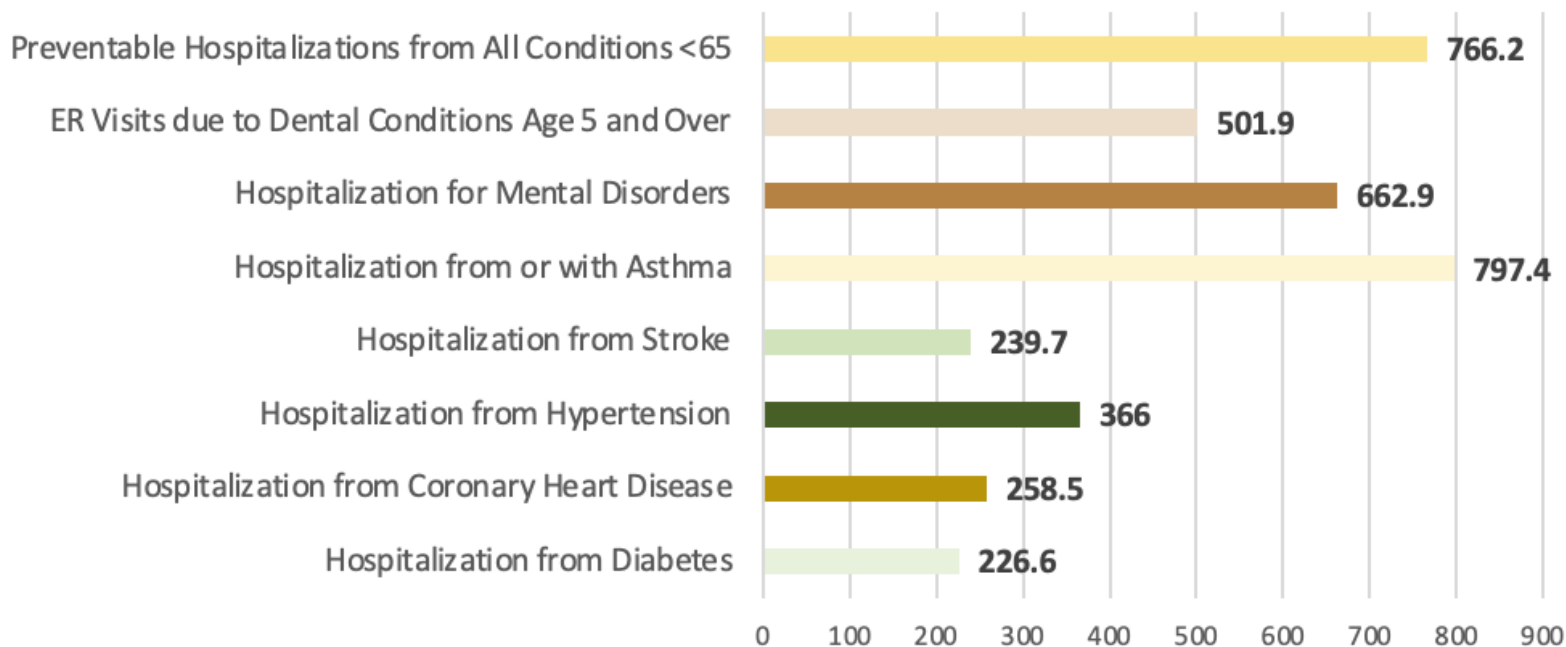
## TOP 5 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH<sup>3</sup>

1. COVID-19
2. Heart Disease
3. Cancer
4. Stroke
5. Unintentional Injury

COVID-19 death rates are highest among **Whites**. Among Heart Disease deaths, rates are highest among **Blacks and Males**.



## Hospitalization Rates (per 100,000)<sup>4</sup> 2019-2021



# 31.4%

of Adults with a Disability<sup>5</sup>





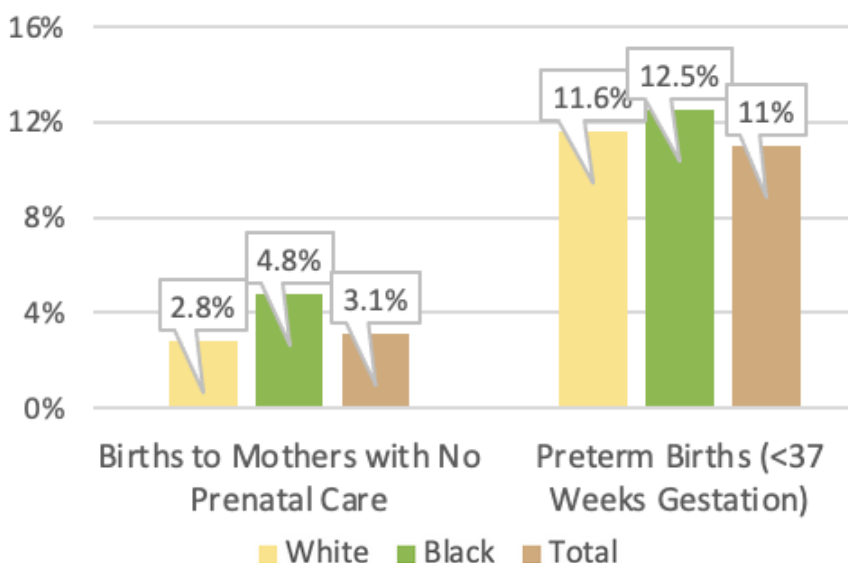
## Behavioral Risk Factors<sup>6</sup>

Behavioral risk factors estimate the prevalence of personal health behaviors that can affect morbidity and mortality. Engaging in negative behaviors can increase the likelihood of developing or worsening chronic diseases.

BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS	%
Adults who are sedentary	26.5%
Adults who binge drink	18%
Adults with Diabetes	11.7%
Adults who currently use e-cigarettes	7.5%
Adults who smoke	24%
Adults who are obese	41%
Adults who are obese or overweight	64.6%
Poor mental health days (14+)	13.8%

## Maternal & Child Health<sup>3</sup>

### Selected Maternal Health Risk Factors By Race, 2021



**6.4%**

**Babies with Low Birthweight**



**37.3%**

**Teen births per 1,000, females 15-19 years old**

**8.8 %**

**Infant deaths, per 1,000 Live Births**

# SOCIODEMOGRAPHICS



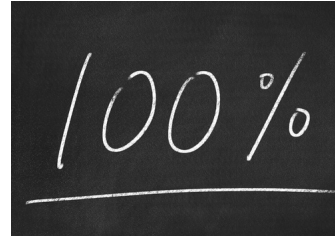
**26.6%**

Households<sup>7</sup> receiving Cash Assistance or Food Stamps (SNAP)



**4.6%**

Unemployment rate as of September 2023<sup>8</sup>



**26.2%**

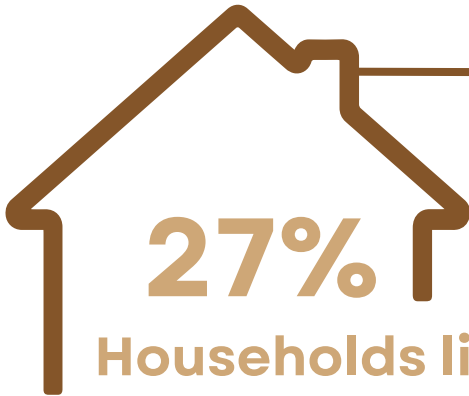
People below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line<sup>9</sup>



**68.6%**

Households<sup>10</sup> with access to broadband internet access

## ALICE threshold:



Households living under ALICE in Hardee County<sup>11</sup>

is the bare minimum cost of household basics necessary to live and work (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology, plus taxes and a contingency fund equal to 10% of the household budget.



**\$41,395**

Median Household Income<sup>12</sup>

Hardee County's median household income is **\$20,382 less** than Florida's.

# SOCIODEMOGRAPHICS



## Education<sup>13</sup>

**23.8%**

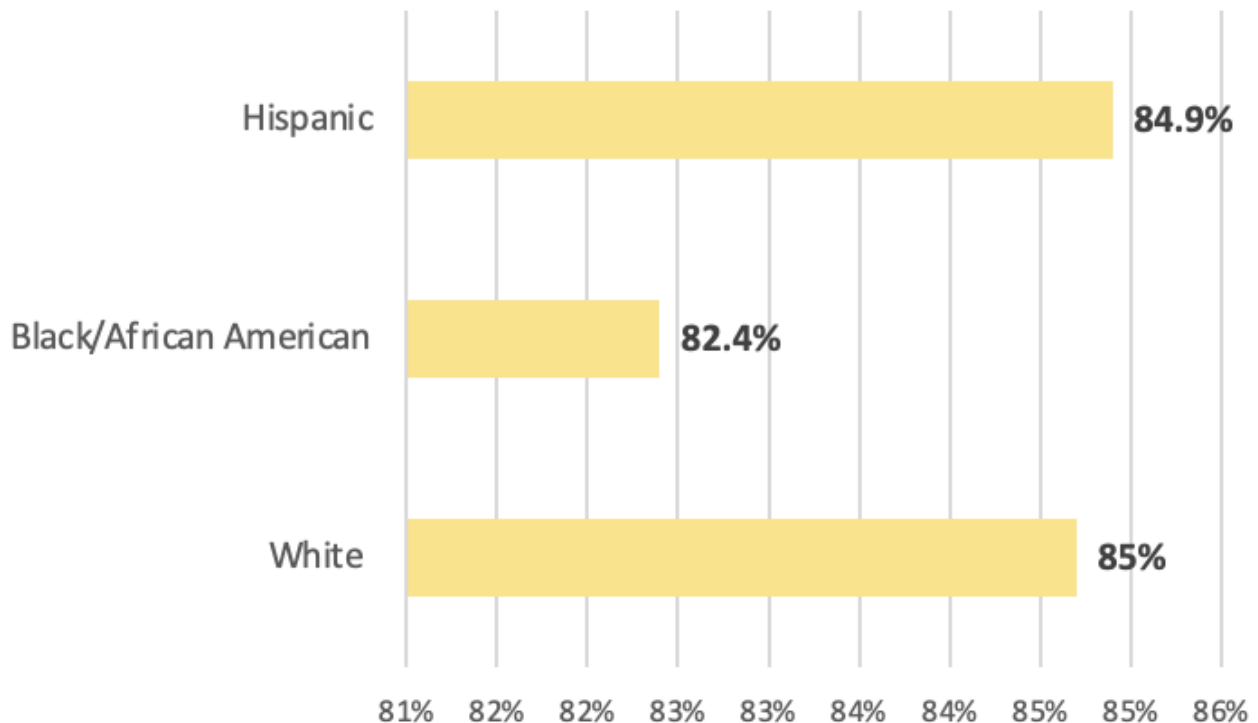
**People with Less Than 9th Grade Education**

**10.2%**

**People with a Bachelor's or Higher Degree**

During the 2021-2022 school year, Hardee county had a **84.5%** high school graduation rate, a **decrease** of the 2020-2021 school year graduation rate of **88.3%**.

### 2021-2022 High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity



# HEALTHCARE ACCESS



**16%**

of Adults couldn't see a Doctor in the past year due to cost <sup>14</sup>



**20%**

Uninsured Adults <sup>15</sup>

Healthcare Providers <sup>2</sup>	County Ratio
Primary Care Providers	1 per 8,940 people
Dentists	1 per 2,120 people
Mental Health Providers	1 per 3,630 people
Healthcare Resources <sup>4</sup>	Rate per 100,000
Hospital Beds	91.1
Nursing Home beds	379.1
Acute Care Beds	91.1

In Hardee County, **26%** of adults reported that they consider themselves in fair or poor health.<sup>2</sup>

Among Community Health Rankings, Hardee County ranks **34 of 67** Florida Counties<sup>2</sup>



# ENVIRONMENT

## 24.3%

of renters spend 30% or more of their monthly income on rent<sup>12</sup>

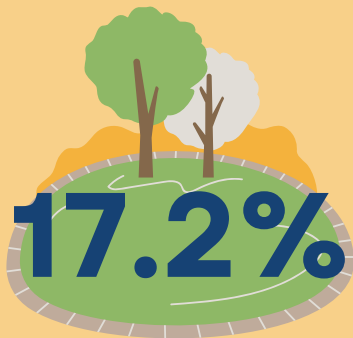


## Food Environment Index<sup>2</sup>

## 6.6



**Combines two measures:** % of the population that is low-income and has low access to a grocery store, and % of the population that is food insecure. (Ranked 0 - worst to 10 - best)



of residents live within a half mile from a park<sup>15</sup>

## In 2021:<sup>16</sup>

- **95** Extreme Heat Days
- Annual Ozone Air Quality: **0**
- **3.7%** of Hardee County residents live 150m from a highway

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