



## Howard County, Maryland

<b>Form of Government</b>	Charter Home Rule
<b>When Adopted</b>	1968
<b>Number of Elected Officials</b>	1 County Executive, 5 District Council Members
<b>Term of Office</b>	County Executive limited to 2 consecutive 4-year terms. Council Members limited to 3 terms.
<b>County Meeting Dates</b>	First and third Mondays at 7:30 pm, fourth Mondays at 4:30 pm, second Monday at 8:30 am.

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Calvin Ball	County Executive	2018
Liz Walsh	Council Member, District 1, Chair	2018
Opel Jones	Council Member, District 2, Vice Chair	2018
Christina Mercer Rigby	Council Member, District 3	2018
Deb Jung	Council Member, District 4	2018
David Yungmann	Council Member, District 5	2018

<u>Demographics</u>		<u>Municipalities</u>	
<b>Population and Density</b>		<b>Number</b>	-
Land Area (sq. miles)	250.7	<b>Population</b>	-
Population	315,327	<b>% of Cnty Population</b>	0.0%
Population Density	1257.8	<b>Largest</b>	-
<b>Racial Distribution</b>		<b>Recent Annexations</b>	-
White	58.0%	<b>County Management of Property Taxes</b>	N/A
African American	18.7%		
Hispanic/Latino	6.7%		
Asian	17.7%		
American Indian	0.2%		
Native Hawaiian	0.0%		
Multi-Racial	4.1%		
<b>Other</b>		<b>FY 2020 Budget Actions</b>	
Median Household Income	\$ 117,730	Budget increased by 2% over prior year. The county increased its fire/rescue tax by \$0.06 and repealed mobile home taxes. County provided a 2% COLA and provided step increments for qualified general county employees. The step increases are effective in January 2020.	
Median Home Price	\$ 448,000		
% Persons Living in Poverty	5.4%		
Income Ranking Per Capita	2		

<u>Budget and Finance</u>			
FY 2020 General Fund Budget	\$1,163,175,821	<b>K-12 Education (FY 2019)</b>	
% of General Fund for Public Safety	12.2%	<b>County Share</b>	64.4%
% of General Fund for Education	52.2%	<b>State Share</b>	33.2%
		<b>Federal Share</b>	2.4%

<u>Tax</u>	<u>FY 2020 Tax Rate</u>
Property	1.014
Income	3.20%
Recordation	\$2.50
Transfer	1.00%
Hotel/Motel	7.0%
Adm & Amusement	7.5%

	<u>% Limit</u>
Homestead Credit	5%

**Adequate Public Financing Ordinances** Yes. Facilities or services include schools, roads, water and sewer.