

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population: 30,674

Race and Ethnicity

White: 21,307

Black or African American: 8,632

American Indian and Alaska Native: 51

Asian: 259

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0

Some other race: 104

Two or more races: 321

Not Hispanic or Latino: 30,265

Hispanic or Latino: 409

Gender

Male: 14,536

Female: 16,138

Age Group Breakout

Under Age 5: 1,670

5-17 years: 5,412

18-44 years: 12,260

45-64 years: 5,953

65 years or Older: 5,492

Poverty and Income

Total Population for Whom Poverty Status Was Determined: 30,124

Population Under 100% FPL: 4,153

101-Under 200% FPL: 6,009

Above 200% FPL : 19,962

Total Households:

Number of Households with Annual Income under \$20,000: 3,652

Households between \$20,000 - \$44,999: 4,335

Households between \$45,000 - \$59,999: 1,806

Households between \$60,000 - \$99,999: 2,169

Households \$100,000 or above: 750

Median Household Income: \$34,077

Language – Linguistically Isolated Households

Spanish: Linguistically Isolated: 25

Other Indo-European languages: Linguistically Isolated: 27

Asian and Pacific Island languages: Linguistically Isolated: 25

Other languages: Linguistically Isolated: 0

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Total Households Linguistically Isolated: 77

Education Attainment for Population ages 25 years or Older

Pop. Over 25 years: 21,435

Less Than High School: 5,527

High School Diploma or Equivalency: 9,015

Some College: 3,471

Associates Degree: 858

Bachelor's Degree: 1,453

Master's Degree: 721

Professional Degree or Doctorate: 390

VITAL STATISTICS

Age Adjusted Death Rate For Leading Causes of Death (per 100,000) 1999-2007 Trends

	2007-2005	2005-2003	2003-2001	2001-1999
All Causes of Death	888.5	906.6	996.2	995.4
Diseases of the Heart	238.7	292	317.7	296.8
Malignant Neoplasms	207	201.5	235.1	232.1
Cerebrovascular Disease	****	****	51.1	55.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	****	****	47.3	****
Diabetes Mellitus	****	****	****	****
Accidents	****	****	****	****
Influenza and Pneumonia	****	****	****	****
Septicemia	****	****	****	****
Alzheimer's	****	****	****	****
Nephritis, Nephrosis and Nephrotic Syndrome	****	****	NA	NA
Assault (Homicide)	****	****	NA	NA
HIV	****	****	****	****
Suicide	****	****	NA	NA

Infant Mortality 2008

	Infant Mortality - Fetal Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates
All Races	8	17.7
WHITE	3	****
BLACK	5	28.2
HISPANIC	0	****

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Low-Birth Weight Births 2008

	Number of Births That Were Low Birth Weight	Percentage of Births that Were Low Birth Weight
All Races	55	12.2
WHITE	3	****
BLACK	24	13.6
HISPANIC	0	****

BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

The following data is for the population 18 years of age and older.

Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
HEALTH STATUS: HOW IS YOUR HEALTH IN GENERAL?			
EXCELLENT	4,658	20.6%	4.08
VERY GOOD	8,375	37%	4.88
GOOD	5,978	26.4%	4.45
FAIR	2,565	11.3%	3.2
POOR	1,034	4.6%	2.12

CHRONIC DISEASES

Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
CARDIOVASCULAR: HAS A DR EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAD A HEART ATTACK?			
YES	816	4%	2.09
CARDIOVASCULAR: HAS A DR EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAD A STROKE?			
YES	652	3.2%	1.87
CHOLESTEROL: EVER BEEN TOLD BY A DOCTOR OR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL THAT YOUR BLOOD CHOLESTEROL IS HIGH?			
YES	6,264	39.6%	7.13
HYPERTENSION: EVER BEEN TOLD BY A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL THAT YOU HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?			
YES	6,528	31%	5.91
DIABETES: EVER TOLD BY A DOCTOR THAT YOU HAVE DIABETES?			
YES	2,362	10.4%	3.07

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YES BUT FEMALE TOLD DURING PREGNANCY	123	0.5%	0.71
NO BORDERLINE DIABETES	137	0.6%	0.78

BEHAVIORS/LIFESTYLE INDICATORS

Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
TOBACCO: CURRENT SMOKER (SMOKED AT LEAST 100 CIGARETTES IN THEIR LIFETIME AND CURRENTLY SMOKING)			
YES	4,909	21.7%	4.15
NO	17,760	78.3%	4.15

ALCOHOL: BINGE DRINKING-FIVE OR MORE DRINKS ON ONE OCCASION IN THE PAST MONTH

YES	3,677	16.6%	3.78
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WEIGHT CONTROL: WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS BASED ON BODY MASS INDEX

NOT OVERWEIGHT/OBESE (BMI<=24.9)	6,959	32.5%	4.88
OVERWEIGHT (BMI 25.0 - 29.9)	7,394	34.5%	4.96
OBESE (BMI 30.0 AND ABOVE)	7,060	33%	4.9

MENTAL HEALTH

Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
ANXIETY DEPRESSION: HAS A DOCTOR EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAVE A DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (INCLUDING DEPRESSION MAJOR DEPRESSION DYSTHYMIA OR MINOR DEPRESSION)?			
YES	1,261	15.4%	5.66

ANXIETY DEPRESSION: HAS A DOCTOR EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAD AN ANXIETY DISORDER (INCLUDING ACUTE STRESS ANXIETY OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE PANIC PHOBIA PTSD OR SOCIAL ANXIETY)?			
YES	957	11.7%	5.03

ORAL HEALTH

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Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
ORAL HEALTH: HOW LONG SINCE LAST TEETH CLEANING?			
NEVER	90	0.8%	1.12
< 1 YEAR	7,590	63.8%	6.02
1 - < 2 YEARS	2,168	18.2%	4.83
2 TO < 5 YEARS	1,203	10.1%	3.78
>= 5 YEARS	840	7.1%	3.22

PREVENTATIVE CARE/TESTING

Response	Weighted Estimate	Percentage	Confidence Interval +/-
IMMUNIZATION: DURING THE PAST YEAR HAVE YOU HAD A FLU SHOT?			
YES	7,712	34.2%	4.8
NO	14,838	65.8%	4.8

WOMENS HEALTH: EVER HAD A MAMMOGRAM? WOMEN AGE 40 AND OVER.

DID NOT HAVE EXAM	216	2.1%	2.98
HAD EXAM	9,900	97.9%	2.98

HIV/AIDS: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TESTED FOR HIV?

YES	8,193	48.1%	6.17
NO	8,843	51.9%	6.17

SOURCES

Demographics

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2007 except for the following counties: Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester. For these counties the demographic data source is the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census. 2007 ACS or other qualified data source was not available in more recent years for these geographies.

Vital Statistics

Age-Adjusted Death Rates: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Vital Statistics reports, 2007, 2005, 2003, and 2001.

Infant Mortality and Birth Weight Data: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Vital Statistics reports, 2008, Preliminary report.

Vital Statistics Reports Available at <http://vsa.maryland.gov/>

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Five year pooled data 1998-2008,
Available at <http://www.marylandbrfss.org/cgi-bin/broker>