COVID-19
Harris County, TX

16.6% POVERTY RATE
20.8% UNINSURED
26.6% 65 YEARS OLD
10.9% ≥ 65 YEARS OLD

Harris County ranks #1 in deaths and #1 in cases statewide

Cases in Harris County began to surge in late June and July, reaching a record high of 20,000 on 7/18

Total Number of COVID-19 test and antibody tests done in Harris County (population 4,696,480)

COVID-19 risk is not equal for all people in Harris County

1.3 TIMES more likely to test positive for COVID-19 than a non-Hispanic White person

A non-Hispanic Black person in Harris County is

% of Population
% of COVID-19 Cases

Unknown 5%
Other 11%
Multiracial 4%
American Indian/Alaska Native 2%
Asian/Pacific Islander 2%
Hispanic/Latino 13%
White 42%
Black 19%

*The high percentage of cases with incomplete demographic data makes a true assessment of disparities difficult to conclude with certainty.

Harris County is home to

378 facilities that release
29.3 million pounds of toxic pollution each year

Exposure to air pollution is linked to increased risk of death from COVID-19

Population data from American Community Survey, 2019
COVID-19 cases (testing and antibody testing data from Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Dashboard, data as of July 27, 2020, 12.7% of cases refusal rate).
Pollution data from EPA Toxic Release Inventory, 2019