COVID-19
Harris County, TX

16.6% POVERTY RATE
20.8% UNINSURED
26.8% 65 YEARS OLD
10.9% 18 YEARS OLD

Harris County ranks 1 in deaths and 1 in cases statewide

A non-Hispanic Black person in Harris County is 1.3 TIMES more likely to test positive for COVID-19 than a non-Hispanic White person

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

% of Population % of COVID-19 Cases

Unknown 6.0%
Other 1.6%
Multiracial 2.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native 0.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander 1.1%
Hispanic/Latino 43.3%
White 28.8%
Black 14.7%

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

Harris County is home to

378 Industrial facilities that release
92.3 Million pounds of toxic pollution each year

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

COVID-19 in Harris County began to surge in late June and July reaching a second high of 2020 on 7/14

Total Number of COVID-19 cases and antibody tests done in Harris County (population 4.6M/1.3B)

Cases in Harris County peaked in late June and July reaching a second high of 2020 on 7/14

Population data from American Community Survey 2019
COVID-19 case and death data from the Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Dashboard.
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Pollution data from EPA Toxics Release Inventory 2019
