

# DO YOU KNOW HOW THE *civil justice system* IMPACTS YOUR CONSTITUENTS?



Many residents of **Montgomery County** are involved with the civil justice system

- Many Marylanders with civil legal cases cannot afford legal representation
- Having legal representation produces better case outcomes

Increase civil legal aid funding

Fund the Access to Counsel in Evictions Program

Access to Justice ensures housing, safety & security of all Marylanders

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATISTICS

### The Civil Justice System

76,354

Total State Court Filings in District + Circuit Courts SFY2022<sup>1</sup>

62,615

Total Civil Filings in District + Circuit Courts SFY2022<sup>2</sup>

82.00%

% Civil Filings

### Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

7.20%

Under FPL % 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(75,205 People)

24.30%

ALICE Households 2021<sup>4</sup>  
(94,362 Households)

17.30%

Eligible for MLSC (below 200% of FPL) Count 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(181,067 People)

### Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

41.90%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(416,755 People)

4.30%

Civilian Veterans (Out of Pop 18 Years+) 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(35,181 People)

8.80%

With a Disability, Civilian Noninstitutionalized 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(92,686 People)

16.20%

Seniors Count (65 & Older) 2022<sup>3</sup>  
(170,697 People)

1 Excluding Motor Vehicle filings.

2 Circuit Court filings (datadashboard.mdcourts.gov/menus/4/sub-menu/8/data) plus District Court filings (datadashboard.mdcourts.gov/menus/4/sub-menu/7/data).

3 2018-2022 (ACS).

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### Evictions

128,965

Living in Rental Housing (Count Rental Households) 2022<sup>3</sup>

36,250

Failure-To-Pay-Rent Case Filings SFY2023<sup>5</sup>

894

Evictions SFY2023<sup>5</sup>

7,443

Unique Households Assisted by Emergency Rental Assistance Program Jan. 2021 - Nov. 30, 2022<sup>6</sup>

### Small Claims & Protective Orders

1,173

Protective Orders Granted SFY2023<sup>5</sup>

8,800

Small Claims Case Filed SFY2023<sup>5</sup>

### Foreclosures

4,857

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2023<sup>7</sup>

800

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2023<sup>7</sup>

109

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2023<sup>7</sup>

### Unemployment

8,722

Total UI New Claims Filed 7/3/2022-7/1/2023<sup>8</sup>

2.9%

Unemployment Rate 2022<sup>9</sup>

### Public Benefits

228,756

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2023<sup>10</sup>

32,436

CHIP Enrollees SFY2023<sup>10</sup>

349

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2023<sup>11</sup>

3,042

SNAP Applications Received SFY2023<sup>11</sup>

4 Based on ACS 2021 and 2017-2021 datasets, from ALICE web site ([www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/Maryland](http://www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/Maryland)).

5 [www.courts.state.md.us/district/about#stats](http://www.courts.state.md.us/district/about#stats).

6 [app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrjoiOTBiNThkOGUtZGZiYi00OTgxLTg3MmMtMTVhZjA4NDRjMWQ5IiwidCI6IjgkM2I4ZDZwLWY5YmUtNDZlNy05NDYwLTRlZjJkOGY3MzE0OSJ9](http://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrjoiOTBiNThkOGUtZGZiYi00OTgxLTg3MmMtMTVhZjA4NDRjMWQ5IiwidCI6IjgkM2I4ZDZwLWY5YmUtNDZlNy05NDYwLTRlZjJkOGY3MzE0OSJ9).

7 [www.dllr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosedatatracker.shtml](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosedatatracker.shtml).

8 [www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtml](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtml).

9 [msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/economy/html/unemployrates.html](http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/economy/html/unemployrates.html).

10 [www.hilltopinstitute.org/data/](http://www.hilltopinstitute.org/data/).

11 This number is the average of the 12 monthly totals ([dhs.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/SFY-2023-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-data-through-June-2023.pdf](http://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/SFY-2023-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-data-through-June-2023.pdf)).

Learn more about Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis through the *Civil Justice for All Storymap* at [mdacesstojustice.org](http://mdacesstojustice.org).

