

Do you know how the civil justice system impacts your constituents?



DORCHESTER COUNTY



BE THE CHANGE ▶ BE THE IMPACT ▶ BE THE VOICE

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

- Many Marylanders with civil legal cases cannot afford 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

DORCHESTER COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

6,442

Total State Civil and Criminal Filings in District and Circuit Courts SFY2023¹

4,473

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2023²

69.4%

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Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

16.3%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023⁴
(5,225 People)

30.1%

ALICE Households 2022⁴
(3,954 Households)

35.0%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023³ (11,255 People)

Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

5.6%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023³ (1,713 People)

7.9%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023³ (2,020 People)

16.5%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023³ (5,320 People)

22.5%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023³ (7,354 People)

¹ Excluding Juvenile and Motor Vehicle filings (<https://datadashboard.mdcourts.gov/#/>)

² Id., excluding Juvenile, Motor Vehicle, and Criminal filings

³ 2019-2023 (American Community Survey [ACS]; <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>)

⁴ Based on ACS 2022 and 2018-2022 datasets, from ALICE web site (<https://www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/Maryland>)

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Foreclosures

511

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2024⁵

75

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2024⁶

25

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2024⁵

Landlord-Tenant

4,100

Rental Households 2023³

926

FTPR Case Filings SFY2024⁵

111

Evictions SFY2024⁵

Small Claims & Protective Orders

86

Protective Orders Granted SFY2024⁵

994

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2024⁵

Public Benefits

15,243

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024⁹

39

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

1,318

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024⁹

246

SNAP Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

Unemployment

720

Total UI New Claims Filed 7/2/2023 - 6/29/2024 (approx SFY2024)⁷

2.3%

Unemployment Rate 2023⁸

Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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⁵ District Court statistics (<https://www.courts.state.md.us/district/about#stats>)

⁶ <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosuredataatraccker.shtml>

⁷ State total includes "Non-Maryland" and "Unknown [county]" (<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtml>)

⁸ <https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/economy/html/unemployrates.html>

⁹ https://hilltopinstitute.org/public-dataport/#pac_dtm_child_1 (downloaded 12/16/2024)

¹⁰ This number is the average of the 12 monthly totals (<https://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/SFY-2024-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-data-through-June-2024.pdf>)