

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



MARYLAND



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Many Marylanders with civil legal cases cannot afford legal representation and having legal representation produces better case outcomes.

## MARYLAND STATISTICS

### The Civil Justice System

**925,039**

Total State Civil and Criminal Filings in District and Circuit Courts SFY2023<sup>1</sup>

**782,931**

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2023<sup>2</sup>

**84.6%**

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### Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

**9.3%**

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (**564,966 People**)

**9.6%**

Households Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (**224,464 Households**)

**27.8%**

ALICE Households 2022<sup>4</sup> (**654,721 Households**)

**21.0%**

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (**1,268,797 People**)

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

**20.6%**

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (**1,198,235 People**)

**11.4%**

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023<sup>3</sup> (**690,463 People**)

**7.0%**

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (**332,655 People**)

**16.3%**

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023<sup>3</sup> (**1,003,219 People**)

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

<sup>2</sup> Id., excluding Juvenile, Motor Vehicle, and Criminal filings

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> [https://hilltopinstitute.org/public-dataport/#pac\\_dtm\\_child\\_1](https://hilltopinstitute.org/public-dataport/#pac_dtm_child_1) (downloaded 12/16/2024)

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## Federal Courts

**31,617**

Immigration Court New Proceedings  
Filed FFY2024<sup>11</sup>

**10,497**

Bankruptcy Court Nonbusiness Cases  
Commenced FFY2024<sup>12</sup>

**361**

Bankruptcy Court Business Cases  
Commenced FFY2024<sup>12</sup>

## Foreclosures

**70,631**

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2024<sup>6</sup>

**8,326**

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2024<sup>6</sup>

**2,228**

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2024<sup>6</sup>

## Landlord-Tenant

**735,419**

Rental Households 2023<sup>3</sup>

**394,702**

FTPR Case Filings SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

**21,284**

Evictions SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

## Small Claims & Protective Orders

**8,336**

Protective Orders Granted SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

**125,720**

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

## Public Benefits

**1,761,934**

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

**201,544**

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

**4,639**

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program  
Applications Received SFY2024<sup>10</sup>

**32,405**

SNAP Applications Received SFY2024<sup>10</sup>

## Unemployment

**117,777**

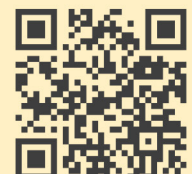
Total UI New Claims Filed 7/2/2023 - 6/29/2024  
(approx SFY2024)<sup>7</sup>

**2.1%**

Unemployment Rate 2023<sup>8</sup>

## Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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<sup>10</sup> 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>)

<sup>11</sup> <https://trac.syr.edu/phptools/immigration/ntanew/> (downloaded 12/16/2024)

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.uscourts.gov/data-news/data-tables/2024/09/30/bankruptcy-filings/f-2>