

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



## WICOMICO COUNTY



BE THE CHANGE ▶ BE THE IMPACT ▶ BE THE VOICE

Many residents of **Wicomico 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

## WICOMICO COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

21,919

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

18,380

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

83.9%

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### Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

14.0%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (13,995 People)

29.6%

ALICE Households 2022<sup>4</sup> (11,991 Households)

32.0%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (32,072 People)

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

13.1%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (12,852 People)

6.3%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023<sup>3</sup> (5,110 People)

12.2%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (12,556 People)

16.2%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023<sup>3</sup> (16,868 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>)

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



## WICOMICO COUNTY



### Foreclosures

1,161

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

140

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

36

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

### Landlord-Tenant

15,153

Rental Households 2023<sup>7</sup>

6,349

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

448

Evictions SFY2024<sup>5</sup>

### Small Claims & Protective Orders

194

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

5,502

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

### Public Benefits

44,400

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

5,024

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

144

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

1,027

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

### Unemployment

2,059

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

2.5%

Unemployment Rate 2023<sup>8</sup>

### Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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<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/frforeclosuredataatraccker.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)

<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>)