

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



HOWARD COUNTY



BE THE CHANGE ▶ BE THE IMPACT ▶ BE THE VOICE

Many residents of **Howard 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

## HOWARD COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

28,906

Total State, Civil and Criminal Filings in District and Circuit Courts SFY2024<sup>1</sup>

25,807

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024<sup>2</sup>

89.3%

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### Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

5.2%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup>  
(17,407 People)

24.6%

ALICE Households 2023<sup>4</sup>  
(29,814 Households)

12.0%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023<sup>3</sup> (40,080 People)

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

28.3%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (90,056 People)

6.0%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023<sup>3</sup> (15,149 People)

8.7%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023<sup>3</sup> (28,763 People)

15.2%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023<sup>3</sup> (51,275 People)

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Juvenile and Motor Vehicle filings; data source is Judiciary Statistical Abstract (<https://www.courts.state.md.us/publications/annualreports>)

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

<sup>3</sup> 2020-2024 (American Community Survey [ACS]; <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>)

<sup>4</sup> Based on ACS 2023 and 2019-2023 datasets, from ALICE web site (<https://www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/Maryland>)

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## Foreclosures

2273

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2025<sup>5</sup>

171

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2025<sup>6</sup>

22

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2025<sup>7</sup>

## Landlord-Tenant

33,777

Rental Households 2023<sup>8</sup>

12,685

FTPR Case Filings SFY2025<sup>9</sup>

441

Evictions SFY2025<sup>9</sup>

## Small Claims & Protective Orders

228

Protective Orders Granted SFY2025<sup>5</sup>

4,590

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2025<sup>5</sup>

## Public Benefits

56,132

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

9,251

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024<sup>9</sup>

123

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

782

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

## Unemployment

4,729

Total UI New Claims Filed 6/30/2024 - 6/28/2025 (approx SFY2025)<sup>7</sup>

2.6%

Unemployment Rate 2024<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> District Court statistics ([https://www.courts.state.md.us/sites/default/files/import/district/statistics/Fiscal\\_2025.pdf](https://www.courts.state.md.us/sites/default/files/import/district/statistics/Fiscal_2025.pdf))

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.dlfr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosuretracker.shtml>

<sup>7</sup> State total includes "Non-Maryland" and "Unknown [county]" (<https://labor.maryland.gov/unemployment-insurance/data/initial-claims-by-county.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\\_3](https://hilltopinstitute.org/public-dataport/#pac_dtm_child_3) (downloaded 1/25/2026)

<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-2025-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-data-through-June-2025.pdf>)  
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