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

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KENT COUNTY

BE THE CHANGE ▸ BE THE IMPACT ▸ BE THE VOICE

Many residents of **Kent 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

KENT COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

2,117
Total State, Civil and Criminal Filings in District and Circuit Courts SFY2024[1]

1,383
Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024[2]

65.3%
Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024

Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

9.7%
People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023[3] **(1,730 People)**

35.4%
ALICE Households 2023[4] **(3,020 Households)**

28.8%
People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023[3] **(5,159 People)**

Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

5.0%
Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023[3] **(936 People)**

15.3%
Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023[3] **(2,903 People)**

7.2%
With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023[3] **(1,169 People)**

27.4%
Seniors (65 & Older) 2023[3] **(5,305 People)**

[1] Excluding Juvenile and Motor Vehicle filings; data source is Judiciary Statistical Abstract (https://www.courts.state.md.us/publications/annualreports)
[2] Id., excluding Juvenile, Motor Vehicle, and Criminal filings
[3] 2020-2024 (American Community Survey [ACS]; https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)
[4] Based on ACS 2023 and 2019-2023 datasets, from ALICE web site (https://www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/Maryland)

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Foreclosures

208
Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2025[6]

20
Notices of Foreclosure SFY2025[6]

7
Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2025[6]

Landlord-Tenant

2,021
Rental Households 2023[3]

162
FTPR Case Filings SFY2025[5]

18
Evictions SFY2025[5]

Small Claims & Protective Orders

19
Protective Orders Granted SFY2025[5]

340
Small Claims Case Filings SFY2025[5]

Public Benefits

5,141
Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024[9]

672
CHIP Enrollees SFY2024[9]

9
Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2024[10]

76
SNAP Applications Received SFY2024[10]

Unemployment

334
Total UI New Claims Filed 6/30/2024 - 6/28/2025 (approx SFY2025)[7]

3.5%
Unemployment Rate 2024[8]

Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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[5] District Court statistics (https://www.courts.state.md.us/sites/default/files/import/district/statistics/Fiscal_2025.pdf)
[6] https://www.dllr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosuredatatracker.shtml
[7] State total includes "Non-Maryland" and "Unknown [county]" (https://labor.maryland.gov/unemployment-insurance/data/initial-claims-by-county.shtml)
[8] https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/economy/html/unemployrates.html
[9] https://hilltopinstitute.org/public-dataport/#pac_dtm_child_3 (downloaded 1/25/2026)
[10] 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)Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/SFY-2024-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-data-through-June-2024.pdf)