

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

910,040

Total State, Civil and Criminal Filings in District and Circuit Courts SFY2024¹

761,691

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024²

83.7%

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Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

9.4%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023³
(574,017 People)

9.8%

Households Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023³ (232,486 Households)

29.4%

ALICE Households 2022⁴
(698,562 Households)

21.0%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023³ (1,278,398 People)

Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

21.1%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023³ (1,232,007 People)

11.6%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023³ (710,452 People)

6.8%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023³ (327,493 People)

16.7%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023³ (1,033,741 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>)

⁵ District Court statistics (https://www.courts.state.md.us/sites/default/files/import/district/statistics/Fiscal_2025.pdf)

⁶ <https://www.dlir.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosuredataatracracker.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>

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Federal Courts

9,077

Immigration Court New Proceedings Filed FFY2025¹¹

11,686

Bankruptcy Court Nonbusiness Cases Commenced FFY2025¹²

350

Bankruptcy Court Business Cases Commenced FFY2025¹²

Foreclosures

85,346

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2025⁶

7,776

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2025⁶

1,504

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2025⁶

Landlord-Tenant

739,486

Rental Households 2023³

368,263

FTPR Case Filings SFY2025⁵

19,243

Evictions SFY2025⁵

Small Claims & Protective Orders

8,373

Protective Orders Granted SFY2025⁵

150,454

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2025⁵

Public Benefits

1,644,260

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2025⁹

222,938

CHIP Enrollees SFY2025⁹

4,404

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2025¹⁰

30,123

SNAP Applications Received SFY2025¹⁰

Unemployment

122,528

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

3.0%

Unemployment Rate 2023⁸

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>)

¹¹ <https://tracreports.org/phptools/immigration/ntanew/> (data obtained 12/27/2025)

¹² https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/document/bf_f2_0930.2025.pdf

Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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