

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



SOMERSET COUNTY



BE THE CHANGE ▶ BE THE IMPACT ▶ BE THE VOICE

Many residents of **Somerset 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

SOMERSET COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

4,198

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

3,069

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024²

73.1%

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Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

16.4%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023³
(3,250 People)

36.9%

ALICE Households 2023⁴
(3,063 Households)

32.8%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023³ (6,516 People)

Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

6.5%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023³ (1,529 People)

6.7%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023³ (1,368 People)

15.1%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023³
(3,206 People)

17.8%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023³
(4,419 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

285

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2025⁵

35

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2025⁶

11

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2025⁵

Landlord-Tenant

1,931

Rental Households 2023³

911

FTPR Case Filings SFY2025⁵

35

Evictions SFY2025⁵

Small Claims & Protective Orders

44

Protective Orders Granted SFY2025⁵

1188

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2025⁵

Public Benefits

10,190

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024⁹

36

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

974

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024⁹

158

SNAP Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

Unemployment

450

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

3.9%

Unemployment Rate 2024⁸

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.dlfr.state.md.us/finance/consumers/frforeclosedatatracker.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>)
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