

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



WORCESTER COUNTY



BE THE CHANGE ▶ BE THE IMPACT ▶ BE THE VOICE

Many residents of **Worcester 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

WORCESTER COUNTY STATISTICS

The Civil Justice System

7,577

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

4,581

Total State Court Civil Filings SFY2024²

60.5%

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Low Income and Modest Means Marylanders

9.9%

People Under Federal Poverty Level (FPL) 2023³
(5,266 People)

26.8%

ALICE Households 2023⁴
(6,380 Households)

23.7%

People Eligible for MLSC (under 200% of FPL) 2023³ (12,540 People)

Vulnerable Populations Most Impacted by the Civil Justice System

6.3%

Speaking Non-English at Home, Ages 5 and Older 2023³ (3,251 People)

8.4%

With a Disability, Noninstitutionalized Civilians 2023³ (3,746 People)

15.4%

Civilian Veterans, Ages 18 and Older 2023³ (8,141 People)

28.6%

Seniors (65 & Older) 2023³ (15,371 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

627

Notices of Intent to Foreclose SFY2025⁵

55

Notices of Foreclosure SFY2025⁶

7

Foreclosed Property Registrations SFY2025⁵

Landlord-Tenant

4,634

Rental Households 2023³

572

FTPR Case Filings SFY2025⁵

44

Evictions SFY2025⁵

Small Claims & Protective Orders

88

Protective Orders Granted SFY2025⁵

2,163

Small Claims Case Filings SFY2025⁵

Public Benefits

14,466

Medicaid Enrollees SFY2024⁹

34

Temporary Cash Assistance (TANF) Program Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

1,897

CHIP Enrollees SFY2024⁹

231

SNAP Applications Received SFY2024¹⁰

Unemployment

1,706

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

4.2%

Unemployment Rate 2024⁸

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/frforeclosuretracker.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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Maryland's Civil Justice Crisis

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