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Maryland Poverty Profiles

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# Maryland at a Glance

Maryland is the wealthiest state in the United States of America. Yet, 50 years after President Lyndon Johnson launched the War on Poverty, one in every 10 Marylanders lives below the federal poverty line – almost 575,000 individuals. There is still an incredible amount of work that needs to be done.

Despite the conclusion of the Great Recession, economic recovery remains sluggish and those living in or near poverty have not benefited from recent economic gains. Ninety-five percent of all income gains since 2009 have gone to the top one percent. The lethargic journey to widespread economic security has left many of our neighbors underemployed, jobless, and even homeless, ultimately forcing many Marylanders to seek public assistance to meet their basic needs.

*Maryland Poverty Profiles* is a compilation of key factors and indicators that reflect the context and realities of poverty in Maryland and each of its 24 local

jurisdictions. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) hopes that this data will be a launching point to consider how we can take collective action to reduce and prevent poverty in our state. Although this report quantifies the nature and extent of poverty at the county level, we cannot forget that underneath these numbers and data are people struggling daily to take care of themselves and their families.

Below is a chart showing the different income levels of some key constituent groups in Maryland.

- As you can see, the cash assistance programs (TCA & TDAP) aid those who are far below the poverty line – and while they alleviate suffering, the families remain in poverty. The cash assistance is often supplemented with other benefits – such as food stamps - in order for a family to survive below the poverty line.
- A family of three with one member working a minimum wage job will have an income below the poverty level unless

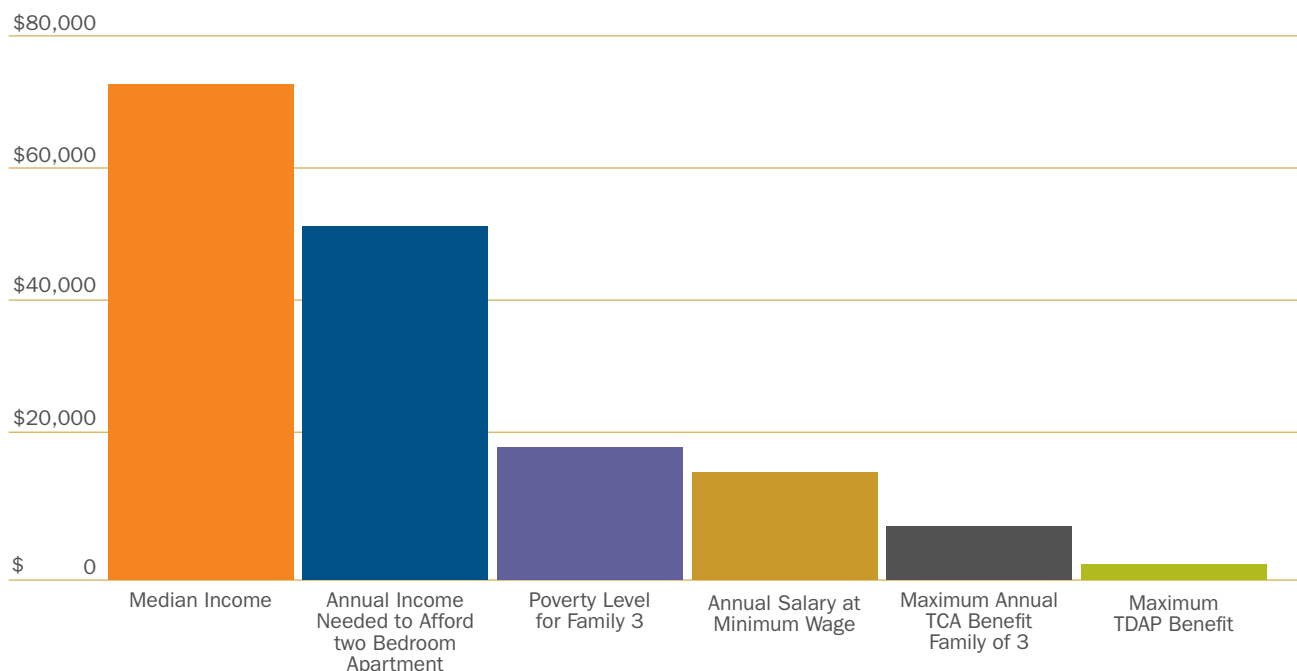
they access public benefits such as child care vouchers, energy assistance or the Food Supplement Program. Often, many of these programs that help working families – like subsidized housing – have very long waiting lists.

- Families at the poverty level have an annual income that is less than half of what is considered enough to afford renting a two bedroom apartment in Maryland.

Maryland could be a leader in ending cyclical poverty by providing opportunities for all individuals to achieve economic success and fulfill their unique potential. MAP supports the state in prioritizing the well-being of Maryland's most vulnerable residents.

We hope this report provides helpful information both to understand the extent of poverty in Maryland, and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it.

## Income Levels



# Allegany County

## POPULATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY:

74,495

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ALLEGANY COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

11,253

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

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### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Allegany County is \$39,166. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

5

### IN POVERTY RATE

16.9 percent of people in Allegany County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

5

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

22.5 percent of children in Allegany County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

8.9 percent of seniors in Allegany County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

4

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

39.4 percent of people in Allegany County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.3 percent of residents of Allegany County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

24

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Allegany County needs to make \$12.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 6  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>1.34 percent of the population in Allegany County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 5  | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>5.10 percent of children in Allegany County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>   |
| 2  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.55 percent of adults in Allegany County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 6  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>20.37 percent of people in Allegany County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 13 | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>62.1 percent of eligible individuals in Allegany County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future</i></p>   |
| 22 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 53.90 percent in Allegany County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>     |
| 7  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>54.82 percent of children in Allegany County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Anne Arundel County

## POPULATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY:

544,889

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

30,862

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

5

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Anne Arundel County is \$86,454.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

20

### IN POVERTY RATE

5.8 percent of people in Anne Arundel County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

7.1 percent of children in Anne Arundel County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.6 percent of seniors in Anne Arundel County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

15.5 percent of people in Anne Arundel County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.2 percent of residents of Anne Arundel County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Anne Arundel County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

14

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.63 percent of the population in Anne Arundel County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

13

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

2.02 percent of children in Anne Arundel County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

18

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.14 percent of adults in Anne Arundel County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

21

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

8.42 percent of people in Anne Arundel County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

19

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

55.4 percent of eligible individuals in Anne Arundel County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

6

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 127.55 percent in Anne Arundel County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

18

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

30.15 percent of children in Anne Arundel County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Baltimore City

## POPULATION OF BALTIMORE CITY:

620,843

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN BALTIMORE CITY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

150,730

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

22

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Baltimore City is \$39,788. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN POVERTY RATE

25.2 percent of people in Baltimore City live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

36.5 percent of children in Baltimore City live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

18.0 percent of seniors in Baltimore City County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

46.6 percent of people in Baltimore City live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

2

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.7 percent of residents of Baltimore City are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Baltimore City needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

1

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

4.52 percent of the population in Baltimore City received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

1

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

14.83 percent of children in Baltimore City received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

8

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.31 percent of adults in Baltimore City participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

1

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

34.82 percent of people in Baltimore City participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

3

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

84.3 percent of eligible individuals in Baltimore City participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

20

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 58.87 percent in Baltimore City between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

1

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

84.09 percent of children in Baltimore City participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Baltimore County

POPULATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

812,043

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN BALTIMORE COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

72,044

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## Income

Ranking\*

13

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Baltimore County is \$64,306. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN POVERTY RATE

9.1 percent of people in Baltimore County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

11.6 percent of children in Baltimore County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

6.8 percent of seniors in Baltimore County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

23.0 percent of people in Baltimore County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

11

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.9 percent of residents of Baltimore County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Baltimore County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

11

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.94 percent of the population in Baltimore County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

11

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

3.06 percent of children in Baltimore County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

24

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.02 percent of adults in Baltimore County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

12

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

13.57 percent of people in Baltimore County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

11

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

63.9 percent of eligible individuals in Baltimore County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

1

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 142.52 percent in Baltimore County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

11

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

45.90 percent of children in Baltimore County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Calvert County

## POPULATION OF CALVERT COUNTY:

89,279

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CALVERT COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

4,829

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

3

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Calvert County is \$92,517. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN POVERTY RATE

5.5 percent of people in Calvert County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

20

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

8.0 percent of children in Calvert County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

4.8 percent of seniors in Calvert County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

14.5 percent of people in Calvert County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.7 percent of residents of Calvert County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Calvert County needs to make \$27.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

22

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.32 percent of the population in Calvert County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

22

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.96 percent of children in Calvert County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

14

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.19 percent of adults in Calvert County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

17

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

10.30 percent of people in Calvert County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

1

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

95.4 percent of eligible individuals in Calvert County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

15

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 88.50 percent in Calvert County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

22

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

22.95 percent of children in Calvert County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Caroline County

## POPULATION OF CAROLINE COUNTY:

32,913

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CAROLINE COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

4,556

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

16

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Caroline County is \$58,006. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN POVERTY RATE

14.1 percent of people in Caroline County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

9

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

18.6 percent of children in Caroline County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

7

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

8.4 percent of seniors in Caroline County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

7

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

30.7 percent of people in Caroline County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.3 percent of residents of Caroline County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

17

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Caroline County needs to make \$19.71 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 9  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>1.18 percent of the population in Caroline County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 7  | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>4.0 percent of children in Caroline County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>  |
| 6  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.43 percent of adults in Caroline County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 5  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>21.00 percent of people in Caroline County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 5  | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>77.3 percent of eligible individuals in Caroline County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future</i></p>   |
| 11 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 101.66 percent in Caroline County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>    |
| 6  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>57.86 percent of children in Caroline County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Carroll County

## POPULATION OF CARROLL COUNTY:

167,261

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CARROLL COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

8,503

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

8

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Carroll County is \$82,581. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

23

### IN POVERTY RATE

5.2 percent of people in Carroll County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

23

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

6.5 percent of children in Carroll County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.5 percent of seniors in Carroll County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

23

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

13.1 percent of people in Carroll County live below 200% of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.3 percent of residents of Carroll County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Carroll County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

24

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.24 percent of the population in Carroll County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

24

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.77 percent of children in Carroll County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

17

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.15 percent of adults in Carroll County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

22

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

7.36 percent of people in Carroll County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

22

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

53.3 percent of eligible individuals in Carroll County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

7

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 108.24 percent in Carroll County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

24

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

18.15 percent of children in Carroll County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Cecil County

## POPULATION OF CECIL COUNTY:

101,500

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CECIL COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

11,203

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

12

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Cecil County is \$64,763. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN POVERTY RATE

11.2 percent of people in Cecil County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

15.5 percent of children in Cecil County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

6.3 percent of seniors in Cecil County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

16.6 percent of people in Cecil County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.1 percent of residents of Cecil County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Cecil County needs to make \$21.52 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

5

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.39 percent of the population in Cecil County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

9

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

3.96 percent of children in Cecil County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

3

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.47 percent of adults in Cecil County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

10

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

15.01 percent of people in Cecil County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

8

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

71.1 percent of eligible individuals in Cecil County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

16

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 84.89 percent in Cecil County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

13

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

40.80 percent of children in Cecil County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Charles County

## POPULATION OF CHARLES COUNTY:

148,982

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CHARLES COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

11,464

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

4

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Charles County is \$91,801. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

17

### IN POVERTY RATE

7.8 percent of people in Charles County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

17

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

11.3 percent of children in Charles County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

9

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

7.1 percent of seniors in Charles County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

20

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

16.5 percent of people in Charles County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

12

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.5 percent of residents of Charles County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Charles County needs to make \$27.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

13

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.71 percent of the population in Charles County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

14

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

2.01 percent of children in Charles County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

20

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.12 percent of adults in Charles County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

15

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

12.06 percent of people in Charles County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

2

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

84.5 percent of eligible individuals in Charles County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

10

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 103.42 percent in Charles County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

16

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

31.71 percent of children in Charles County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Dorchester County

## POPULATION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY:

32,638

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

5,837

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

21

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Dorchester County is \$42,885.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN POVERTY RATE

18.2 percent of people in Dorchester County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

2

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

30.1 percent of children in Dorchester County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

2

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

10.6 percent of seniors in Dorchester County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

40.9 percent of people in Dorchester County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

4

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.2 percent of residents of Dorchester County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Dorchester County needs to make \$17.83 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 2  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>2.07 percent of the population in Dorchester County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 3  | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>7.21 percent of children in Dorchester County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>   |
| 1  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.58 percent of adults in Dorchester County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 2  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>28.23 percent of people in Dorchester County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 4  | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>82.5 percent of eligible individuals in Dorchester County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future</i></p>   |
| 24 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 52.13 percent in Dorchester County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>     |
| 3  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>62.31 percent of children in Dorchester County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Frederick County

POPULATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY:

237,037

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FREDERICK COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

13,562

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

9

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Frederick County is \$82,311. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

20

### IN POVERTY RATE

5.8 percent of people in Frederick County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

7.9 percent of children in Frederick County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.4 percent of seniors in Frederick County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

17

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

17.2 percent of people in Frederick County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.7 percent of residents of Frederick County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Frederick County needs to make \$27.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income. *National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

18

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.46 percent of the population in Frederick County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

20

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.37 percent of children in Frederick County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

19

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.13 percent of adults in Frederick County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

20

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

8.64 percent of people in Frederick County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

18

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

55.7 percent of eligible individuals in Frederick County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

5

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 128.50 percent in Frederick County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

21

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

25.39 percent of children in Frederick County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Garrett County

## POPULATION OF GARRETT COUNTY:

30,009

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GARRETT COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

3,502

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

20

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Garrett County is \$44,223. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN POVERTY RATE

12.0 percent of people in Garrett County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

18.9 percent of children in Garrett County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

5

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

8.7 percent of seniors in Garrett County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

37.0 percent of people in Garrett County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

17

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.1 percent of residents of Garrett County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

23

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Garrett County needs to make \$13.44 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income. *National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

15

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.62 percent of the population in Garrett County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

15

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

2.0 percent of children in Garrett County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

10

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.25 percent of adults in Garrett County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

8

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

15.81 percent of people in Garrett County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

23

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

47.5 percent of eligible individuals in Garrett County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

21

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 56.10 percent in Garrett County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

9

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

49.05 percent of children in Garrett County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Harford County

## POPULATION OF HARFORD COUNTY:

246,839

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HARFORD COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

19,612

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

10

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Harford County is \$78,448. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN POVERTY RATE

8.0 percent of people in Harford County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

13.3 percent of children in Harford County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.5 percent of seniors in Harford County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

18.2 percent of people in Harford County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.2 percent of residents of Harford County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Harford County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

17

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.54 percent of the population in Harford County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

18

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.63 percent of children in Harford County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

16

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.17 percent of adults in Harford County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

19

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

9.37 percent of people in Harford County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

14

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

60.9 percent of eligible individuals in Harford County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

13

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 89.28 percent in Harford County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

19

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

28.36 percent of children in Harford County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Howard County

## POPULATION OF HOWARD COUNTY:

293,972

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOWARD COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

14,641

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

1

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Howard County is \$106,222. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

24

### IN POVERTY RATE

5.0 percent of people in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

24

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

6.1 percent of children in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.4 percent of seniors in Howard County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

24

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

11.8 percent of people in Howard County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.4 percent of residents of Howard County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Howard County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

16

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.55 percent of the population in Howard County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

19

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.49 percent of children in Howard County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

21

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.10 percent of adults in Howard County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

24

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

6.33 percent of people in Howard County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

21

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

53.7 percent of eligible individuals in Howard County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

2

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 139.60 percent in Howard County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

23

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

18.16 percent of children in Howard County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Kent County

## POPULATION OF KENT COUNTY:

20,213

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN KENT COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

2,131

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

18

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Kent County is \$53,854. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

9

### IN POVERTY RATE

11.4 percent of people in Kent County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

20.9 percent of children in Kent County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

6.3 percent of seniors in Kent County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

9

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

27.6 percent of people in Kent County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.4 percent of residents of Kent County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Kent County needs to make \$19.65 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

10

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.15 percent of the population in Kent County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

6

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

4.96 percent of children in Kent County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

12

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.21 percent of adults in Kent County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

9

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

15.15 percent of people in Kent County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

16

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

59.2 percent of eligible individuals in Kent County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

19

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 76.44 percent in Kent County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

8

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

51.78 percent of children in Kent County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Montgomery County

## POPULATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

990,787

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

67,620

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

2

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Montgomery County is \$94,767.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN POVERTY RATE

6.9 percent of people in Montgomery County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

8.2 percent of children in Montgomery County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

12

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

6.7 percent of seniors in Montgomery County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

17.5 percent of people in Montgomery County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.3 percent of residents of Montgomery County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Montgomery County needs to make \$27.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

23

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.29 percent of the population in Montgomery County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

23

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.88 percent of children in Montgomery County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

22

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.07 percent of adults in Montgomery County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

23

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

7.16 percent of people in Montgomery County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

24

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

43.1 percent of eligible individuals in Montgomery County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

4

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 129.79 percent in Montgomery County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

15

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

33.21 percent of children in Montgomery County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Prince George's County

## POPULATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:

873,629

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

81,909

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

11

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Prince George's County is \$72,254. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

12

### IN POVERTY RATE

9.6 percent of people in Prince George's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

12.4 percent of children in Prince George's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

6.8 percent of seniors in Prince George's County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

11

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

24.5 percent of people in Prince George's County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

7

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.6 percent of residents of Prince George's County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Prince George's County needs to make \$27.15 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

12

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.75 percent of the population in Prince George's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month.

*FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

12

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

2.35 percent of children in Prince George's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

23

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.05 percent of adults in Prince George's County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

14

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

12.81 percent of people in Prince George's County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

15

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

59.4 percent of eligible individuals in Prince George's County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

8

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 107.63 percent in Prince George's County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

4

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

59.58 percent of children in Prince George's County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Queen Anne's County

## POPULATION OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY:

48,291

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

3,871

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

7

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Queen Anne's County is \$85,334.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

15

### IN POVERTY RATE

8.1 percent of people in Queen Anne's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

13.0 percent of children in Queen Anne's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

5.4 percent of seniors in Queen Anne's County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012.

*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

16.9 percent of people in Queen Anne's County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.3 percent of residents of Queen Anne's County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Queen Anne's County needs to make \$24.06 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

19

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.44 percent of the population in Queen Anne's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month.

*FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

21

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.35 percent of children in Queen Anne's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

15

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.17 percent of adults in Queen Anne's County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

18

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

9.79 percent of people in Queen Anne's County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

10

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

66.0 percent of eligible individuals in Queen Anne's County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

3

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 137.23 percent in Queen Anne's County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

20

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

25.69 percent of children in Queen Anne's County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# St. Mary's County

## POPULATION OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY:

107,482

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

7,101

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

6

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in St. Mary's County is \$86,209. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

19

### IN POVERTY RATE

6.8 percent of people in St. Mary's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

8.6 percent of children in St. Mary's County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

24

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

4.1 percent of seniors in St. Mary's County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

18.2 percent of people in St. Mary's County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

18

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.9 percent of residents of St. Mary's County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in St. Mary's County needs to make \$21.90 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 8  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>1.20 percent of the population in St. Mary's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 10 | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>3.33 percent of children in St. Mary's County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>   |
| 9  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.27 percent of adults in St. Mary's County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 13 | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>13.02 percent of people in St. Mary's County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 6  | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>75.1 percent of eligible individuals in St. Mary's County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future</i></p>   |
| 18 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 77.76 percent in St. Mary's County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>     |
| 2  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>71.59 percent of children in St. Mary's County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Somerset County

## POPULATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY:

26,371

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN SOMERSET COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

3,940

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

24

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Somerset County is \$37,733. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

2

### IN POVERTY RATE

21.2 percent of people in Somerset County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

28.1 percent of children in Somerset County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

8.9 percent of seniors in Somerset County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

2

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

41.7 percent of people in Somerset County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

3

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.6 percent of residents of Somerset County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

22

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Somerset County needs to make 13.77 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 4  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>1.95 percent of the population in Somerset County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 2  | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>8.76 percent of children in Somerset County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>   |
| 4  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.45 percent of adults in Somerset County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 3  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>22.84 percent of people in Somerset County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 7  | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>73.4 percent of eligible individuals in Somerset County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future</i></p>   |
| 23 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 52.71 percent in Somerset County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>     |
| 17 | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>31.54 percent of children in Somerset County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Talbot County

## POPULATION OF TALBOT COUNTY:

37,976

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN TALBOT COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

3,566

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

14

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Talbot County is \$59,307. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN POVERTY RATE

9.5 percent of people in Talbot County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

12

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

14.3 percent of children in Talbot County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

4.8 percent of seniors in Talbot County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

12

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

23.7 percent of people in Talbot County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

14

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.3 percent of residents of Talbot County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

13

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Talbot County needs to make \$22.52 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30percent of their income. *National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.43 percent of the population in Talbot County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

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## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.81 percent of children in Talbot County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

13

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.20 percent of adults in Talbot County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

16

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

11.85 percent of people in Talbot County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

20

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

54.4 percent of eligible individuals in Talbot County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

9

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 107.32 percent in Talbot County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

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## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

38.90 percent of children in Talbot County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Washington County

POPULATION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:  
148,595

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON  
COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:  
17,573

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

17

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Washington County is \$54,239.  
*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

7

### IN POVERTY RATE

12.5 percent of people in Washington County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.  
*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

7

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

19.9 percent of children in Washington County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012.  
*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

7.8 percent of seniors in Washington County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012.  
*Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

8

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

29.8 percent of people in Washington County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

5

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.9 percent of residents of Washington County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

21

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Washington County needs to make \$15.98 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.  
*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

7

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.22 percent of the population in Washington County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

8

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

4.00 percent of children in Washington County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

7

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.32 percent of adults in Washington County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

7

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

16.87 percent of people in Washington County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

12

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

63.3 percent of eligible individuals in Washington County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

12

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 97.14 percent in Washington County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

10

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

47.77 percent of children in Washington County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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# Wicomico County

## POPULATION OF WICOMICO COUNTY:

99,840

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN WICOMICO COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

17,016

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

19

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Wicomico County is \$50,523. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

4

### IN POVERTY RATE

17.7 percent of people in Wicomico County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

4

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

23.7 percent of children in Wicomico County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

8.5 percent of seniors in Wicomico County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

5

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

37.7 percent of people in Wicomico County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

6

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.8 percent of residents of Wicomico County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

20

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Wicomico County needs to make \$17.42 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*



# Income Supports

Ranking\*

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| 3  | <p><b>IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>1.99 percent of the population in Wicomico County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>               |
| 4  | <p><b>IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>6.38 percent of children in Wicomico County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>   |
| 5  | <p><b>IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>0.43 percent of adults in Wicomico County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>                       |
| 4  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>21.94 percent of people in Wicomico County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p> |
| 9  | <p><b>IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>66.2 percent of eligible individuals in Wicomico County participated in the Food Supplement Program. <i>Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Liveable Future</i></p>  |
| 14 | <p><b>IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013</b></p> <p>The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 89.02 percent in Wicomico County between 2008 and 2013. <i>FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report</i></p>     |
| 5  | <p><b>IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)</b></p> <p>59.22 percent of children in Wicomico County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. <i>Maryland State Department of Education</i></p>                                      |

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# Worcester County

## POPULATION OF WORCESTER COUNTY:

51,494

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN WORCESTER COUNTY LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2012:

5,077

In 2012, one in 10 Marylanders (approximately **572,400** people) lived in poverty including **13.3 percent** of children and **7.6 percent** of seniors. This is despite the fact that Maryland was the wealthiest state in the country with a median income of **\$71,707**. The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) periodically provides updates of poverty indicators in the 24 Maryland jurisdictions. We have also included participation rates for selected social-safety net programs. We hope this report provides helpful information, both to understand the extent of poverty in our state and to work more effectively to reduce and prevent it in Maryland!

## Income

Ranking\*

15

### IN MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for households in Worcester County is \$58,687. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

11

### IN POVERTY RATE

10.0 percent of people in Worcester County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

11

### IN CHILD POVERTY RATE

14.7 percent of children in Worcester County live below the poverty line - \$23,492 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

23

### IN SENIOR POVERTY RATE

4.4 percent of seniors in Worcester County live below the poverty line - \$11,011 for a senior – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

10

### IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY

27.1 percent of people in Worcester County live below 200 percent of the poverty line - \$49,984 for a family of four – in 2012. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

1

### IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.8 percent of residents of Worcester County are unemployed. *Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012*

16

### IN HOUSING WAGE

A worker in Worcester County needs to make \$20.33 per hour in order to afford the fair market rent and utilities of a two bedroom apartment without spending more than 30 percent of their income.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach, 2013*

# Income Supports

Ranking\*

21

## IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

0.43 percent of the population in Worcester County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. The maximum benefit amount for a family of three is \$574 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

16

## IN CHILDREN RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

1.84 percent of children in Worcester County received Temporary Cash Assistance benefits in November of 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

11

## IN ADULTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

0.24 percent of adults in Worcester County participated in the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in November of 2013. Individuals receive a maximum of \$185 per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

11

## IN PERCENT OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

14.77 percent of people in Worcester County participated in the Food Supplement Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). The average benefit amount is \$127.39 per person per month. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

17

## IN PENETRATION RATE OF FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

58.8 percent of eligible individuals in Worcester County participated in the Food Supplement Program. *Maryland Hunger Solutions and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future*

17

## IN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 2008 - 2013

The participation rate in the Food Supplement Program increased by 81.14 percent in Worcester County between 2008 and 2013. *FY 2014 DHR FIA Statistical Report and FY 2008 DHR FIA Statistical Report*

12

## IN PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAM (FARMS)

44.65 percent of children in Worcester County participated in the FARMS program during the 2012 - 2013 school year. *Maryland State Department of Education*

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