

2021 MARYLAND COUNTY HUNGER PROFILES



Maryland Hunger Solutions

Ending hunger and promoting well-being

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Derived from 2020 State Fiscal Year and 2020 Calendar Year data

INTRODUCTION

Maryland is one the wealthiest states in the nation based on per capita income, but not all Marylanders share in the prosperity. Over 700,000 Marylanders, or more than 1 in 10 households, live in poverty and struggle against hunger.² Households that experience prolonged food insecurity are at the greatest risk of experiencing hunger. The USDA defines food insecurity as an economic or social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate quality and quantity of food.⁶ "Very Low" food security means that children go to sleep hungry and that they go to school with unfilled stomachs. In order to cope, families, make difficult decisions — parents, grandparents, and other caregivers may skip meals so that they can feed their children, eat less to stretch out a meal, or purchase foods that are filling but lack vital nutrients. Working adults, facing high costs of living and inadequate wages, struggle to earn enough money to put nutritious meals on the table, pay bills, and afford transportation. Seniors and people with disabilities who are on fixed incomes are often forced to choose between food and medicine. In every county in Maryland, you can find these stories.

Since 2007, Maryland Hunger Solutions has remained committed to promoting and advocating for long-term and sustainable solutions to eliminate hunger for all of Maryland's residents. The organization works with state and community partners to provide education about the stark reality of hunger's existence in Maryland and the proven solutions to reduce food insecurity, improve public policies to end food insecurity and poverty and ensure that all eligible residents are connected to federal and state nutrition programs, proven tools to reduce hunger and poverty.

Over the past decade, a core strategy of Maryland Hunger Solutions has been to increase and expand participation in the federal nutrition programs, especially the Food Supplement Program (Maryland's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also known as SNAP), which serves as the state's first line of defense against hunger. Another priority has been promoting maternal and early childhood nutrition programs, school meals programs, and out-of-school time programs (such as afterschool and summer meals) that ensure children of all ages get the nutrition they need for their development. Maryland Hunger Solutions has connected local, state, and national anti-hunger advocates; government agencies; medical professionals; service providers and other nonprofits; and food policy councils to make progress toward ending hunger in Maryland.

The Maryland Hunger Profiles provide accurate local data on federal nutrition program participation, population, and poverty data for each of the 24 counties. Behind the percentages outlined in the Maryland Hunger Profiles are the tens of thousands of children, seniors, people living with disabilities, veterans, and low-wage earners who would not get the daily nutrition they need to be productive without these programs. Still, many of the nutrition programs have not yet realized their full capacity of service for thousands of Marylanders. The purpose of these data profiles is to give the public and lawmakers an opportunity to better understand the state of hunger within Maryland during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and to inform ongoing community and policy conversations about ensuring Marylanders are able to have sufficient nutrition and the opportunity to thrive. Everyone is a stakeholder in the fight against hunger, and together, we can create a hunger-free Maryland.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Calendar Year (CY): The calendar year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. CY 2020 began on January 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2020.

The following report sections are based on CY data: Population demographic and poverty level data, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) data and, SNAP (Maryland's Food Supplement Program) data.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): CEP is a meal service option that allows high-poverty schools and districts to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students without collecting income applications. Schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed based on the "Identified Student Percentage" (ISP). This is the percentage of students who are directly eligible for free meals through their household income or participation in other income-based programs in addition to students who are categorically eligible to receive free meals without an application. To qualify for CEP, a school or district must serve both breakfast and lunch and have at least 40 percent ISP. CEP is calculated by multiplying the ISP by 1.6.⁸

Food Insecurity: Is defined by the USDA as a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Prolonged food insecurity results in the physiological experience of hunger. Food insecurity is measured by the level of food security: Very Low, Low, Marginal, and High. Measurement of food insecurity is generally obtained by self-reported survey and indicates a household's level of anxiety over having enough food to eat, the change in diet and quality of food consumed, and the number of times eating patterns have been disrupted.⁶

Poverty Guidelines: Annual federal poverty levels (FPL) are issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Federal nutrition programs use the guidelines (or percentage multiples of the guidelines, such as 185% of the FPL), in determining income eligibility. The FPL varies by household size and, unlike the Census Bureau (statistical) poverty thresholds, has no age distinction. In 2020, the FPL was \$12,760 for an individual and \$26,200 for a family of 4.⁹

State Fiscal Year (SFY): The fiscal year in Maryland begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. SFY 2020 started on July 1st, 2019, and ended on June 30th, 2020.⁷

The following report section is based on SFY data: WIC data.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): The CACFP provides reimbursement for meals and snacks served through child and adult care centers, afterschool care programs, and daycare homes to eligible children and adults. Children living in emergency shelters, adults with disabilities that are enrolled in daycare facilities, and adults aged 60 and above, are also eligible to receive meals through the CACFP.¹⁰

The exact number of CACFP meals served through non-public school sponsors is displayed in the notes or footnotes.

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP): The NSLP and SBP provide per meal cash reimbursements to schools as an entitlement to provide nutritious meals to children. Student eligibility for free meals or reduced-price meals is dependent on household income level. For School Year 2019-20, student income eligibility guidelines for free meals was 130% of the 2019 federal poverty guideline level and for reduced price meals, 185% of the federal poverty level.^{10, 11, 12}

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): The SFSP (or Summer Meals Program) provides free meals to kids and teens in low-income areas to ensure that children continue to receive meals when school is not in session. State agencies administer and run the program through sponsors that serve meals in community locations called meal sites. States approve SFSP meal sites as open, enrolled, or closed sites, allowing sites to serve free meals to children depending on if they operate in low-income areas where many children are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. Following school closures in the Spring of 2020, meals were no longer provided through the NSLP and SBP but through the SFSP. The meal data is not representative of a typical year, caution should be used in comparing 2020 SFSP data to previous years.^{10, 11}

These profiles depict SFSP meal and participation data from public school authorities. The SFSP notes on each page include an estimate of the total contribution of faith-based organizations, government agencies, private schools, and non-profits as of March 2021 based on available data. In comparison to other non-public school sponsor types, faith-based organizations provided the greatest number of meals in the state of Maryland. The exact number of SFSP meals served through non-public school sponsors is displayed in the notes or footnotes.

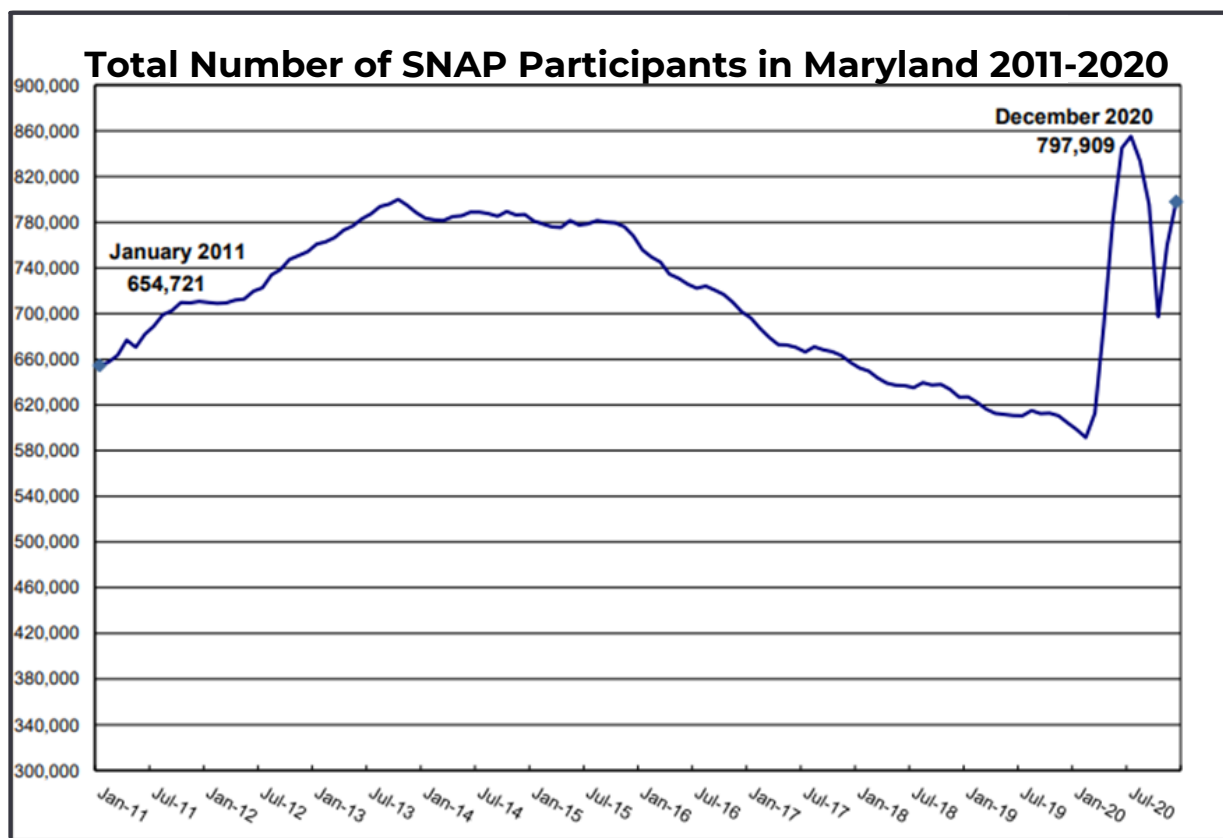
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): SNAP provides monetary (EBT) benefits to supplement the food budget of limited resource families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency. To get SNAP benefits, you must apply in the state in which you currently live and you must meet certain requirements, including resource and income limits, work rules, and citizenship or qualified immigrant Status. There are special SNAP rules for households with elderly or disabled members.^{10, 11}

This report does not include Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) data as it was not available at the time of publication.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): The WIC Program serves women who are pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding, infants up to one-years-old and children up to five years old. Participants must meet categorical, residential, income and nutrition risk requirements. The state agency's income eligibility standard must be between 100 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Applicants can be determined income-eligible for WIC based on their participation in or eligibility for other specific income-based programs.^{10, 11}

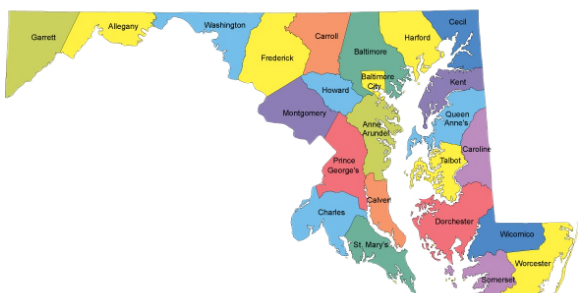
2020: A REFLECTION ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND INCREASING HUNGER

In March of 2020, to minimize the spread of COVID-19, schools and businesses nationwide closed. This resulted in a sudden increase in unemployment. The closures had a devastating effect on individuals, families, and the economy within the state of Maryland. In one month alone, Maryland Hunger Solutions received over 3,000 calls to our toll-free, SNAP (Maryland's Food Supplement Program) application hotline from affected people searching for assistance. Many were first-time applicants. In Maryland, there was a 400% increase in the number of SNAP⁴ applications received in April of 2020, as compared to March 2020 – nearly 150,000 applications. Every county in the state witnessed a surge in need, with Baltimore City seeing increases in SNAP applications of over 600% and Howard County seeing a tripling of the number of applications. By July of 2020, Maryland acquired the most SNAP participants in the state's history—over 855,000* participants or 14% of the state's population.⁴ As of December 2020, there are 797,909 SNAP participants in Maryland.⁴



School closures meant that millions of children lost access to their primary source of daily nutrition – school breakfast and lunch. The existing data show that faith-based organizations, non-profits, governmental agencies, and private schools held a significant role in the distribution of meals to children.³ Overwhelmed schools, food banks, and community groups worked overtime to safely distribute food and meet the need of the newly hungry along with those who were already facing hunger. The intervention of federal nutrition programs – SNAP, Pandemic EBT, SFSP, and WIC, made tangible differences in the lives of hundreds of thousands of Marylanders. What the pandemic has revealed is that these interventions have always made a difference in the lives of Marylanders, but that they are critical during times of crisis. The following profiles provide a snapshot of hunger, poverty, and federal program participation in the context of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

*The exact number of SNAP participants in July 2020 was 856,538.



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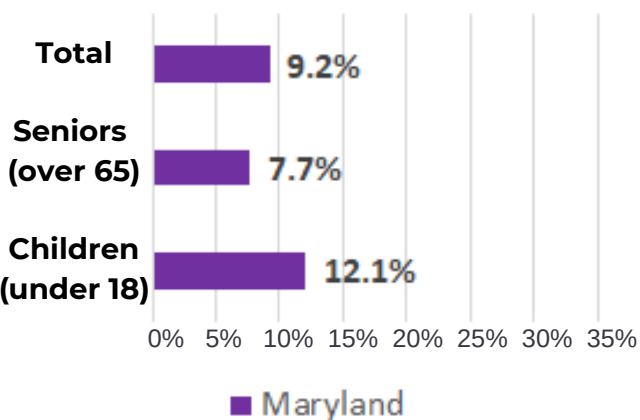
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total	6,045,680
Children (under 18)	1,336,095 (22.1%)
Seniors (over 65)	961,263 (15.9%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$84,805

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	28,524,331	14,138,132	14,245,843	62,051	78,305	112,061
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	8,929,010			5,740,612	3,188,398	528,947

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Over 8 million* additional SFSP meals were served through faith-based organizations, government agencies, non-profits, and private schools. At the state level, over 1 million* CACFP meals have been served to 65,932 participants through non-public school providers; these data account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): 49.47%
of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 11% since last year

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

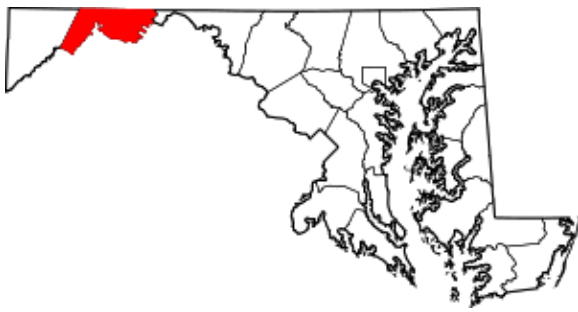
12.2% of households enrolled⁴
• 2.1% Increase since last year^{2,4}

732,251 average participants/month⁴
• 363,220 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

50.5% of eligible people enrolled
• 9.5% Decrease in enrollment since last year

175,465 average participants/year
• 55,501 Women
• 28,265 Infants
• 91,699 Children



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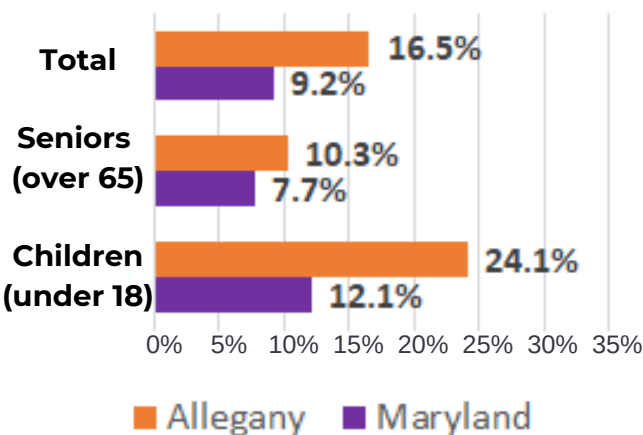
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **70,416**
 Children **12,182**
 (under 18) (17.3%)
 Seniors **14,506**
 (over 65) (20.6%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$45,893

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	558,498	280,631	277,867	0	0	1,594
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	91,584			0	91,584	5,708

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Exactly 1,055 CACFP meals have been served to 160 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **70.61%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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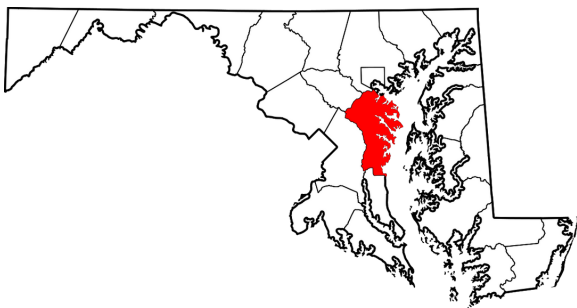
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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

20.8% of households enrolled⁴
 • 0.9% Increase since last year^{2,4}
14,613 average participants/month⁴
 • 6,430 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

51.2% of eligible people enrolled
 • 20.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year
2,311 participants/year
 • 729 Women
 • 359 Infants
 • 1,223 Children



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POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **579,234**

Children **129,169**

(under 18) (22.3%)

Seniors **86,885**

(over 65) (15%)

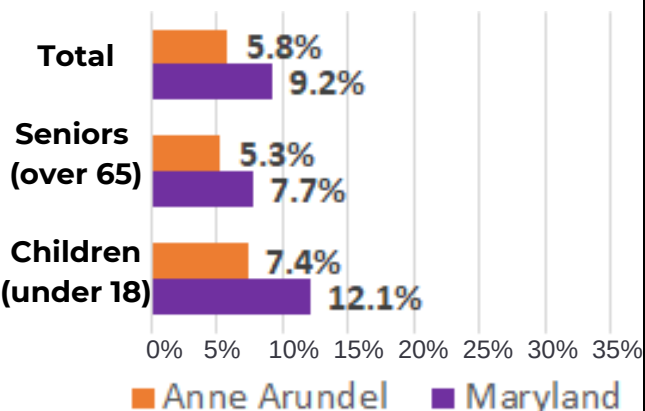
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$100,798

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	2,708,132	1,354,066	1,354,066	0	0	10,340
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	1,377,497			879,834	497,663	75,832

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **30.16%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

8.6% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.9% Increase since last year^{2,4}

50,298 participants/month⁴

- 24,998 households with children

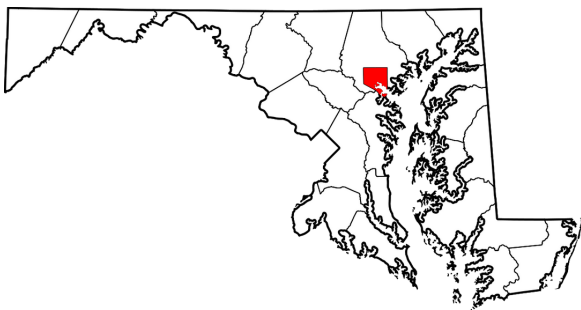
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

45.0% of eligible people enrolled

- 17.5% Decrease in enrollment since last year

10,885 participants/year

- 3,522 Women
- 1,802 Infants
- 5,561 Children



BALTIMORE CITY

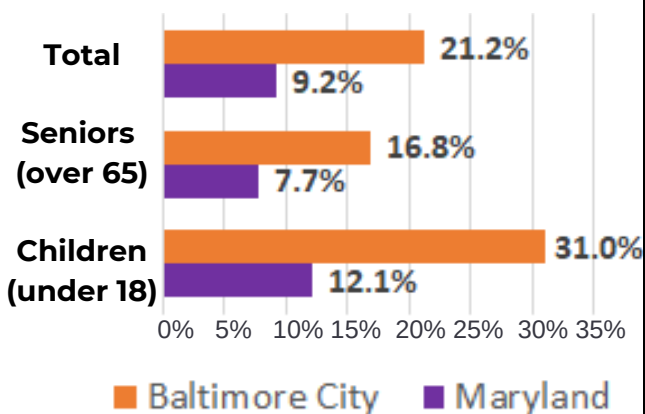
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **593,490**
 Children **122,852**
 (under 18) (20.7%)
 Seniors **80,715**
 (over 65) (13.6%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$50,379

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1,705,517	797,884	907,633	0	0	8,650
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	764,468			381,324	383,144	55,686

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Over 7 million* additional SFSP meals were served through faith-based organizations, government agencies, private schools, and non-profits. Over 1 million* CACFP meals have been served to 81,925 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **92.76%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 11.7% since last year. **100% of Baltimore City schools are Hunger Free schools due to CEP*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

28.9% of households enrolled⁴

- 1.8% Increase since last year^{2,4}

171,771 average participants/month⁴

- 73,346 households with children

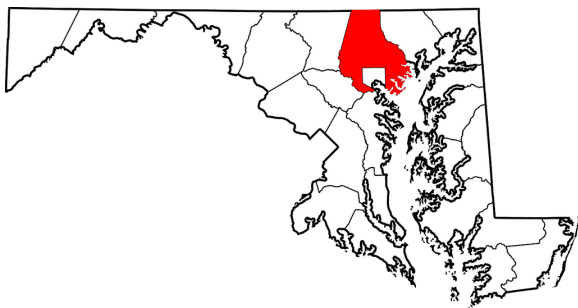
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

45.0% of eligible people enrolled

- 23.7% Decrease in enrollment since last year

26,652 participants/year

- 8,526 Women
- 4,460 Infants
- 13,666 Children



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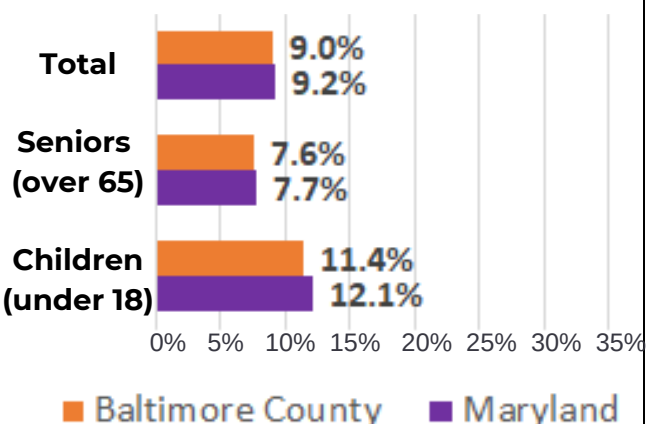
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **827,370**
 Children **178,712**
 (under 18) (21.6%)
 Seniors **145,617**
 (over 65) (17.6%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$76,866

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	3,102,806	1,624,610	1,478,196	0	0	15,208
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	478,478			149,854	328,624	35,974

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Over 35,000* additional SFSP meals were served through a private school. Exactly 565,369 CACFP meals have been served to 20,798 participants through non-public school providers.

The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **51.80%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students.

Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students qualify to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 14.4% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

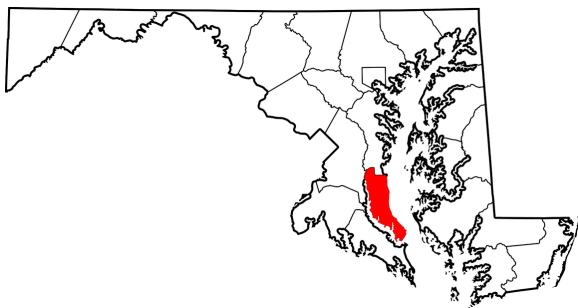
13.6% of households enrolled⁴
 • 2.7% Increase since last year^{2,4}

112,583 average participants/month⁴
 • 58,093 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

47.2% of eligible people enrolled
 • 19.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

24,220 participants/year
 • 7,903 Women
 • 4,159 Infants
 • 12,158 Children



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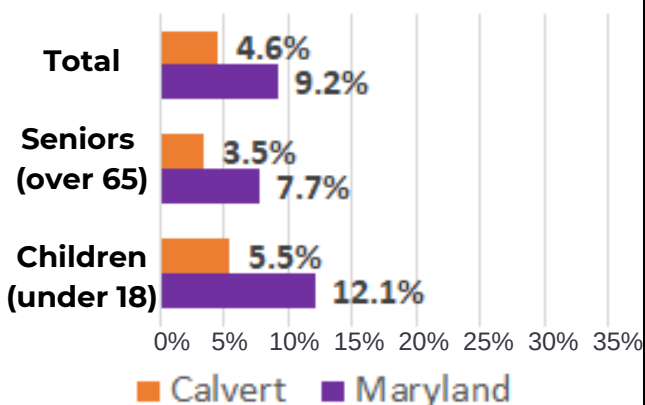
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **92,525**
 Children **21,281**
(under 18) (23%)
 Seniors **14,341**
(over 65) (15.5%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2014-2018)²

\$109,313

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	257,544	127,723	129,821	0	0	1,510
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)						

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of the full school year.** Calvert County public schools did not serve CACFP meals from March to December of 2020. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **27.82%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 9.1% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

7.8% of households enrolled⁴

- 1.4% Increase since last year^{2,4}

7,240 average participants/month⁴

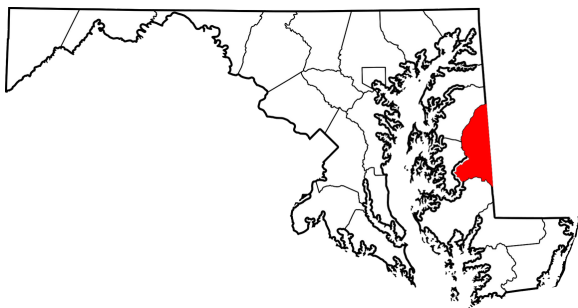
- 3,461 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

41.5% of eligible people enrolled
 • 17.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

1,253 participants/year

- 401 Women
- 202 Infants
- 650 Children



CAROLINE

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **33,406**

Children **7,884**
(under 18) (23.6%)

Seniors **5,579**
(over 65) (16.7%)

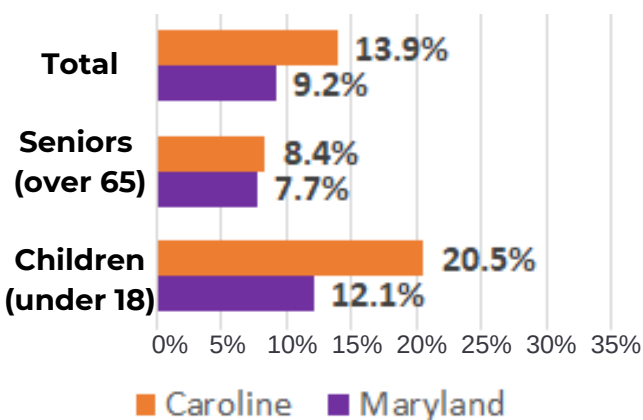
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$58,638

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	592,111	281,980	310,131	0	0	2,715
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	135,556			135,556	0	9,586

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **62.52%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals.

CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 14.8% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

18.6% of households enrolled⁴

- 1.5% Increase since last year^{2,4}

6,229 average participants/month⁴

- 3,264 households with children

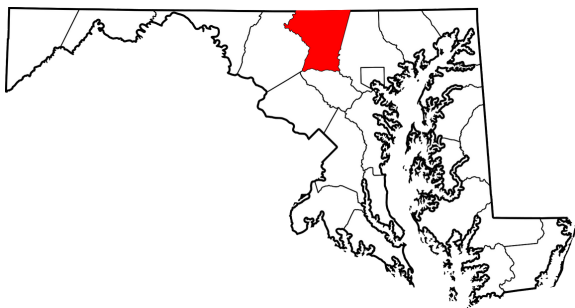
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

53.3% of eligible people enrolled

- 18.7% Decrease in enrollment since last year

1,562 participants/year

- 456 Women
- 224 Infants
- 882 Children



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POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **168,447**

Children **36,385**

(under 18) (21.6%)

Seniors **29,141**

(over 65) (17.3%)

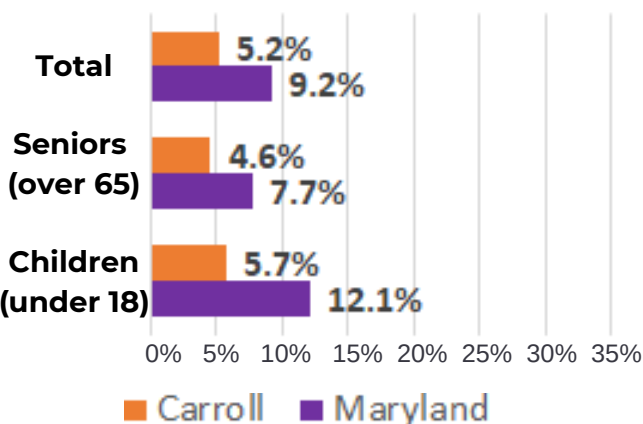
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$96,769

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1,409,402	700,656	708,746	0	0	4,699
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	37,443			37,443	0	2,243

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of the full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **17.88%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. The utilization of CEP has increased by 2.6% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

5.7% of households enrolled⁴

- 0.4% Decrease since last year^{2,4}

9,520 average participants/month⁴

- 4,474 households with children

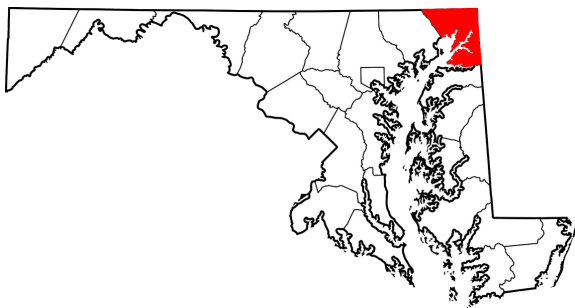
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

45.7% of eligible people enrolled

- 14.8% Decrease in enrollment since last year

2,092 participants/year

- 638 Women
- 346 Infants
- 1,108 Children



CECIL

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **102,855**

Children **23,142**

(under 18) (22.5%)

Seniors **16,663**

(over 65) (16.2%)

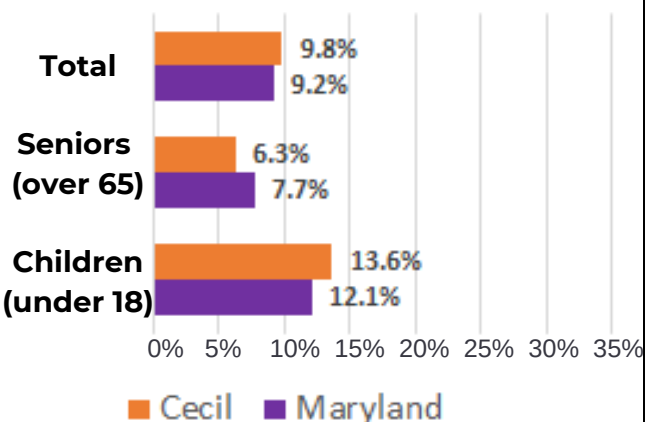
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$76,887

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1,110,092	553,840	556,252	0	0	5,059
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	1,564			1,564	0	208

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **42.53%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

13.2% of households enrolled⁴

- (1.2%) Increase since last year^{2,4}

13,593 average participants/month⁴

- 7,041 households with children

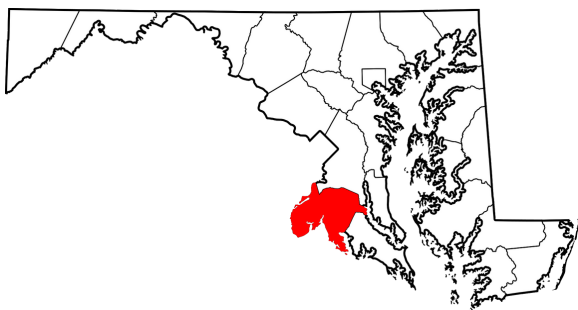
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

45.0% of eligible people enrolled

- 18.2% Decrease in enrollment since last year

2,707 participants/year

- 810 Women
- 472 Infants
- 1,425 Children



CHARLES

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **163,257**

Children **38,855**

(under 18) (23.8%)

Seniors **21,060**

(over 65) (12.9%)

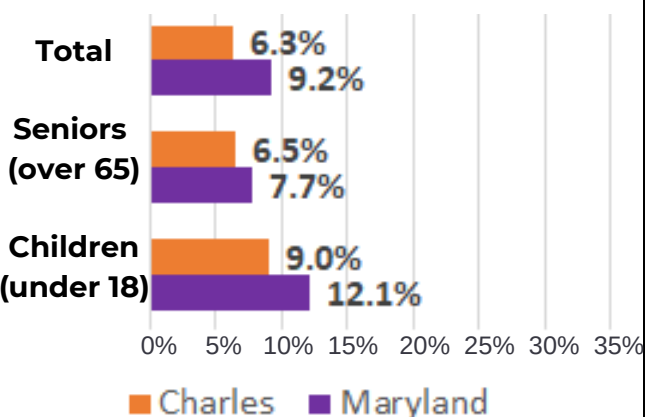
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$95,924

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	450,092	234,610	215,482	0	0	1,468
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	325,090			163,368	161,722	17,221

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **40.63%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 12.8% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

11.4% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.6 % Increase since last year^{2,4}

18,625 average participants/month⁴

- 10,746 households with children

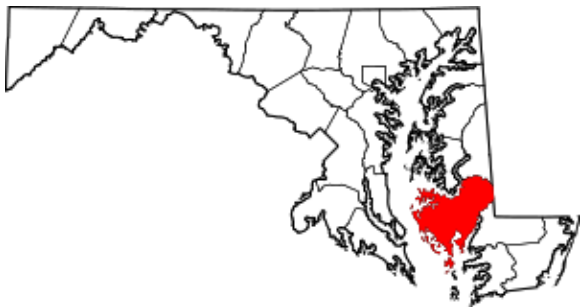
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

49.8% of eligible people enrolled

- 17.8% Decrease in enrollment since last year

4,136 participants/year

- 1,307 Women
- 735 Infants
- 2,094 Children



DORCHESTER

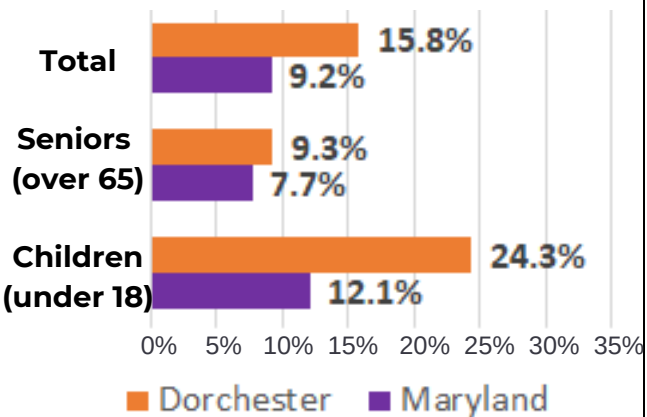
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total	31,929
Children (under 18)	6,705 (21.0%)
Seniors (over 65)	7,056 (22.1%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$52,917

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	259,119	122,479	136,640	0	0	1,077
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	63,659			63,627	32	4,850

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Exactly 343 CACFP meals have been served to 33 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **88.67%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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**100% of Dorchester schools are Hunger Free schools due to CEP*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

26.2% of households enrolled⁴
• 2.8% Increase since last year^{2,4}

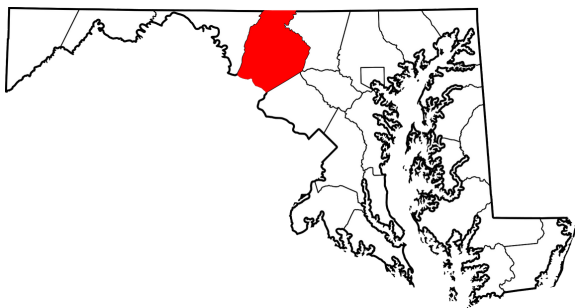
8,362 participants/month⁴
• 3,947 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

48.2% of eligible people enrolled
• 27.1% Decrease in enrollment since last year

1,343 participants/year
• 415 Women
• 223 Infants
• 705 Children

Sources: (1) U.S Census Bureau; (2) U.S Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2015-2019; (3) The Maryland State Department of Education; (4) FY 2020 Maryland Department of Human Services FIA Statistical Report (5) Maryland Department of Health, Maryland WIC Program



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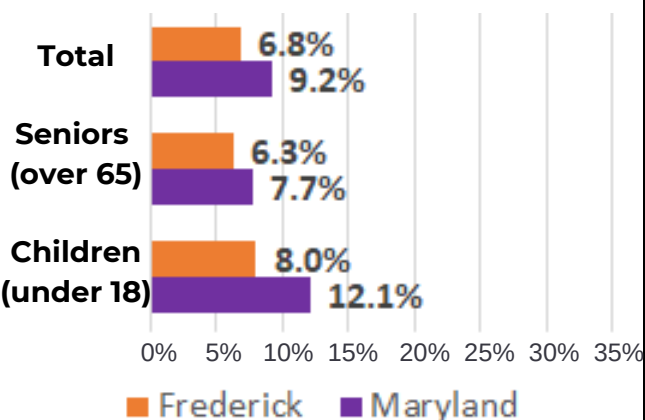
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **259,547**
 Children **59,955**
(under 18) (23.1%)
 Seniors **38,413**
(over 65) (14.8%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$97,730

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	866,455	436,950	429,505	0	0	2,624
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	269,420			263,528	5,892	13,432

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Over 4,800* additional SFSP meals were served through a government agency. Exactly 345 CACFP meals have been served to 81 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **24.74%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

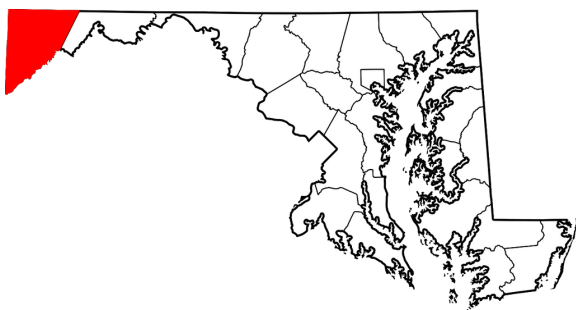
6.7% of households enrolled⁴
 • 0.7% Increase since last year^{2,4}

17,449 average participants/month⁴
 • 9,614 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

52.8% of eligible people enrolled
 • 16.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

5,453 participants/year
 • 1,685 Women
 • 868 Infants
 • 2,900 Children



GARRETT

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **29,014**

Children **5,339**
(under 18) (18.4%)

Seniors **6,702**
(over 65) (23.1%)

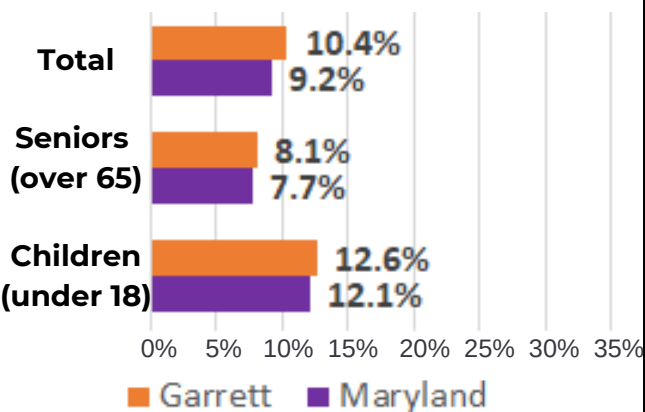
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$52,617

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	560,640	200,509	255,509	61,145	43,477	1,710
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	198,195			99,065	99,130	9,456

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **48.66%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

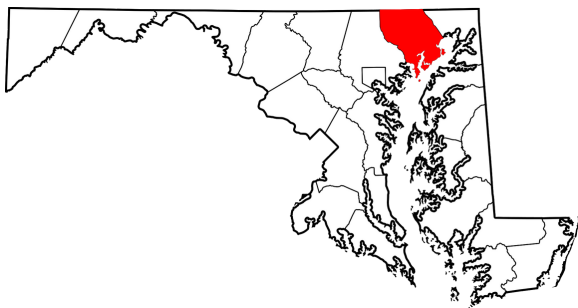
13.9% of households enrolled⁴
• 0.9% Increase since last year^{2,4}

4,021 average participants/month⁴
• 1,303 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

52.7% of eligible people enrolled
• 23.8% Decrease in enrollment since last year

962 participants/year
• 287 Women
• 141 Infants
• 534 Children



HARFORD

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **255,441**

Children **56,708**

(under 18) (22.2%)

Seniors **42,403**

(over 65) (16.6%)

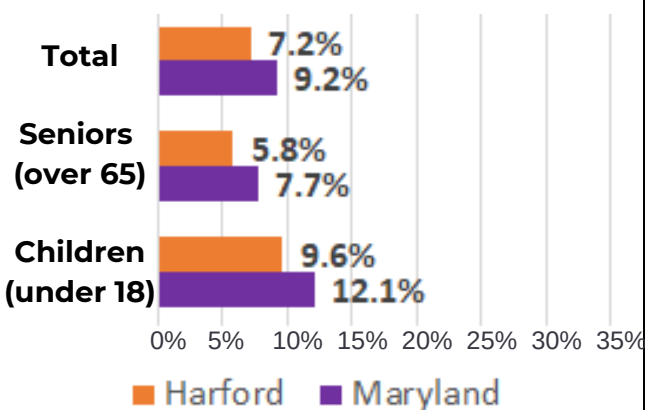
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$89,147

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1,508,185	720,794	783,564	0	3,827	6,980
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	107,785			105,942	1,843	6,269

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Exactly 464 CACFP meals have been served to 41 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **36.60%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students.

Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals.

CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 14.9% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

9.1% of households enrolled⁴

- 1.5% Increase since last year^{2,4}

23,288 average participants/month⁴

- 11,364 households with children

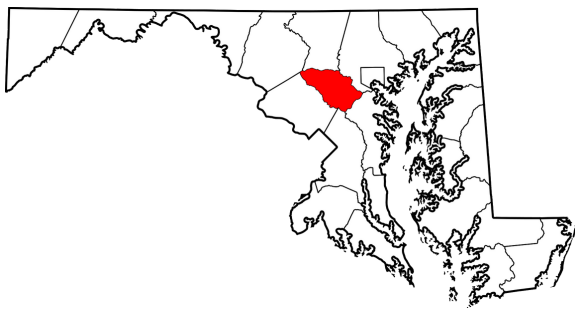
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

46.3% of eligible people enrolled

- 15.3% Decrease in enrollment since last year

4,727 participants/year

- 1,477 Women
- 798 Infants
- 2,452 Children



HOWARD

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **325,690**

Children **78,817**
(under 18) (24.2%)

Seniors **46,574**
(over 65) (14.3%)

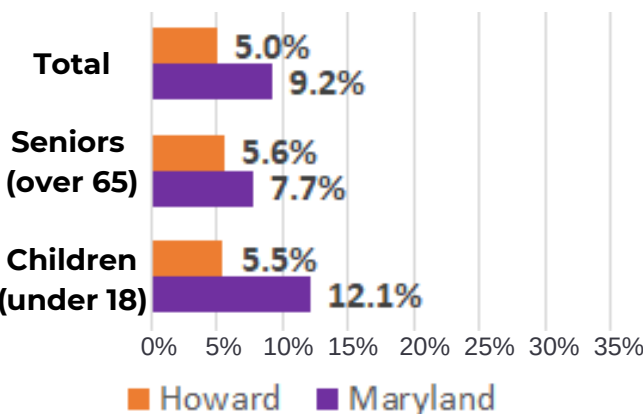
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$121,160

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1,924,707	1,010,356	914,351	0	0	6,383
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	1,362,321			689,407	672,914	53,034

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **22.63%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 8.2% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

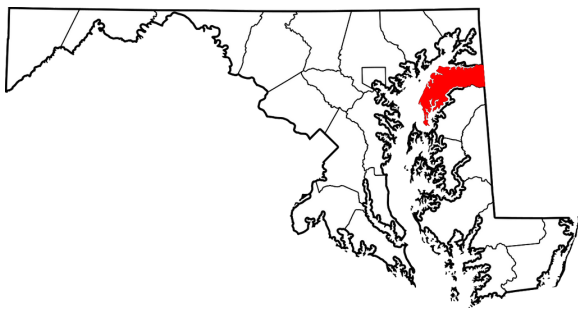
6.3% of households enrolled⁴
• 1.1% Increase since last year^{2,4}

20,374 average participants/month⁴
• 11,124 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

49.9% of eligible people enrolled
• 18.0% Decrease in enrollment since last year

5,024 participants/year
• 1,573 Women
• 744 Infants
• 2,707 Children



KENT

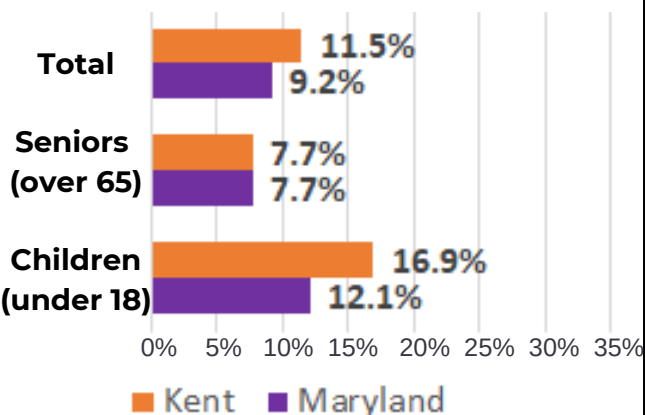
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total	19,422
Children (under 18)	2,991 (15.4%)
Seniors (over 65)	5,263 (27.1%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$58,598

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	474,859	49,137	394,721	0	31,001	656
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	30,122			30,122	0	1,936

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **73.21%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals.

CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 14.2% since last year.

**100% of Kent schools are Hunger Free schools due to CEP*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

15.4% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.3% Increase since last year^{2,4}

2,996 average participants/month⁴

- 1,204 households with children

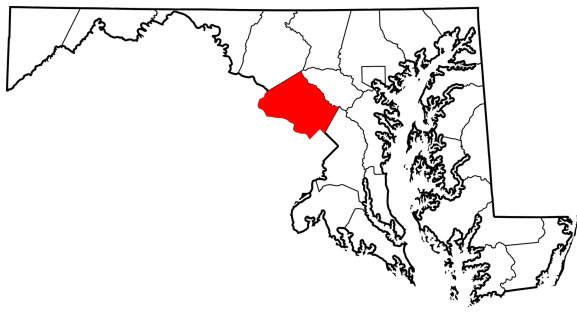
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

46.5% of eligible people enrolled

- 26.0% Decrease in enrollment since last year

475 participants/year

- 135 Women
- 87 Infants
- 253 Children



MONTGOMERY

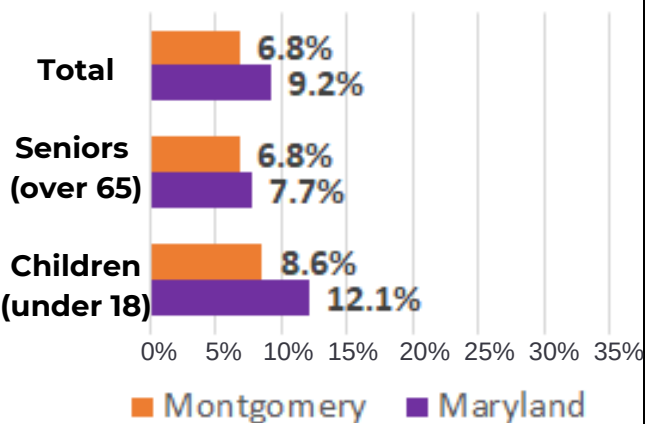
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total	1,050,688
Children (under 18)	242,709 (23.1%)
Seniors (over 65)	169,161 (16.1%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$108,820

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	5,405,373	2,790,541	2,614,832	0	0	14,878
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	1,728,267			1,394,305	333,962	113,144

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Over 58,000* additional SFSP meals were served through a private school. Exactly 9,053 CACFP meals have been served to 495 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **23.69%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

CEP allows schools to offer free meals to all students. Districts or schools can participate if at least 40% of their students are "directly certified" to receive free school meals. CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 5.6% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

6.1% of households enrolled⁴
• 0.9% Decrease since last year^{2,4}

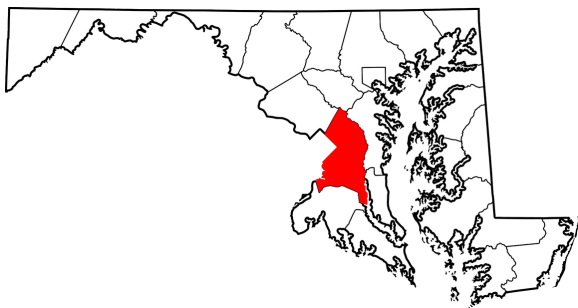
63,892 average participants/month⁴
• 35,140 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

57.3% of eligible people enrolled
• 8.0% Decrease in enrollment since last year

28,405 participants/year
• 8,903 Women
• 4,139 Infants
• 15,363 Children

Sources: (1) U.S. Census Bureau; (2) U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2015-2019; (3) The Maryland State Department of Education; (4) FY 2020 Maryland Department of Human Services FIA Statistical Report (5) Maryland Department of Health, Maryland WIC Program. *The exact number of SFSP meals served through non-public school sponsors was 58,672.



PRINCE GEORGE'S

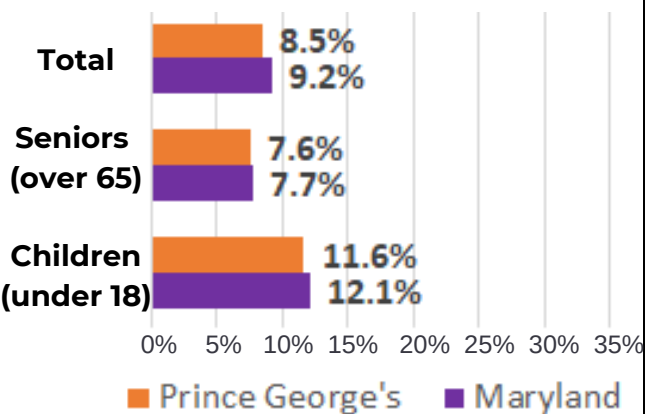
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **909,327**
 Children **200,961**
 (under 18) (22.1%)
 Seniors **126,396**
 (over 65) (13.9%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$84,920

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	2,995,799	1,567,876	1,427,923	0	0	14,447
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	1,058,080			850,152	207,928	73,037

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Exactly 2,861 CACFP meals have been served to 175 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **44.88%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

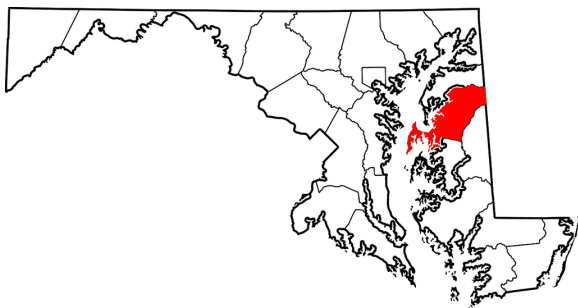
12.9% of households enrolled⁴
 • 4.1% Increase since last year^{2,4}

117,101 average participants/month⁴
 • 62,063 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

52.4% of eligible people enrolled
 • 18.0% Decrease in enrollment since last year

37,027 participants/year
 • 11,800 Women
 • 5,929 Infants
 • 19,298 Children



QUEEN ANNE'S

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **50,381**

Children **10,782**

(under 18) (21.4%)

Senior **9,673**

(over 65) (19.2%)

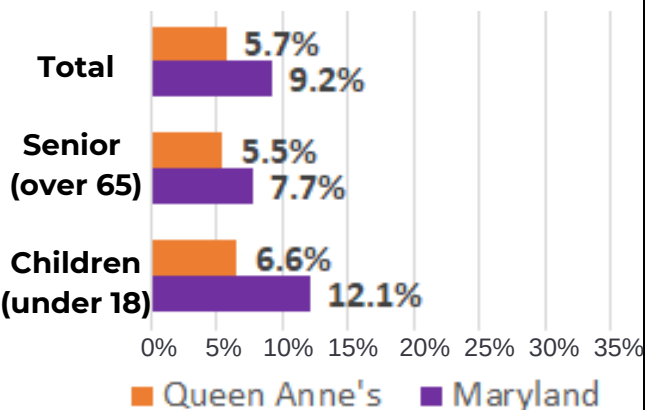
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$97,034

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	206,907	95,846	111,061	0	0	752
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	89,901			44,961	44,940	4,314

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **31.51%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

7.0% of households enrolled⁴

- 0.3% Decrease since last year^{2,4}

3,515 average participants/month⁴

- 1,719 households with children

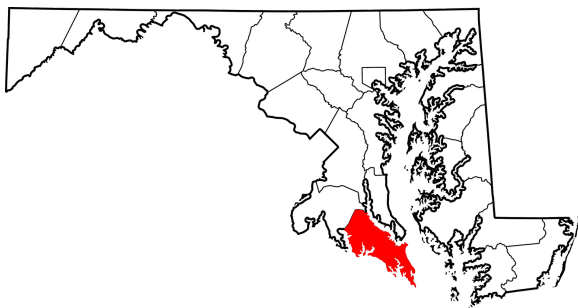
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

47.2% of eligible people enrolled

- 11.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

826 participants/year

- 266 Women
- 136 Infants
- 424 Children



SAINT MARY'S

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **113,510**

Children **27,129**

(under 18) (23.9%)

Seniors **15,210**

(over 65) (13.4%)

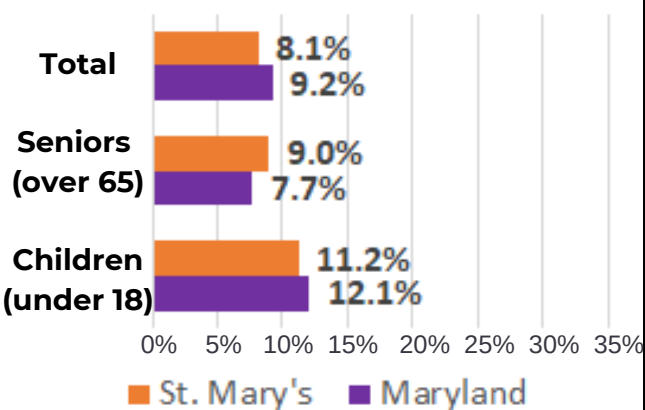
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$89,845

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	475,933	248,852	227,081	0	0	627
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	400,935			200,665	200,270	21,981

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **38.69%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

10.6% of households enrolled⁴

- 0.9% Decrease since last year

12,002 average participants/month^{2,4}

- 6,841 households with children⁴

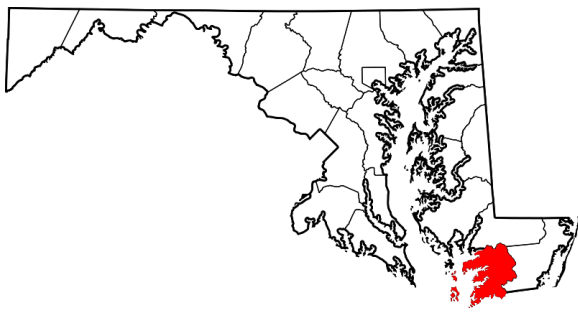
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

46.5% of eligible people enrolled

- 21.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

2,511 participants/year

- 788 Women
- 425 Infants
- 1,298 Children



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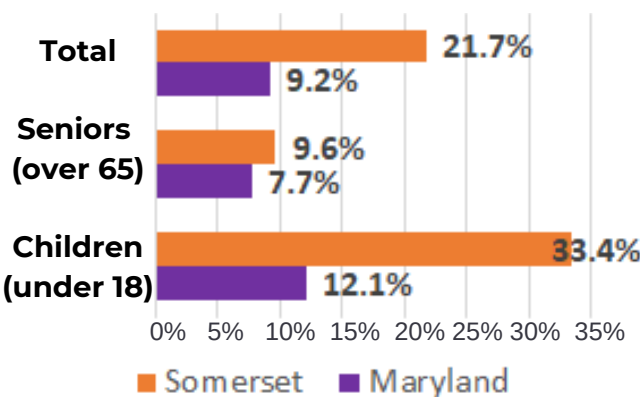
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total	25,616
Children (under 18)	4,329 (16.9%)
Seniors (over 65)	4,432 (17.3%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$37,803

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	138,601	65,310	72,385	906	0	2,279
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	33,375			33,375	0	2,142

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **96.69%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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**100% of Somerset schools are Hunger Free schools due CEP*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

22.7% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.2% Increase since last year^{2,4}

5,813 average participants/month⁴

- 2,918 households with children

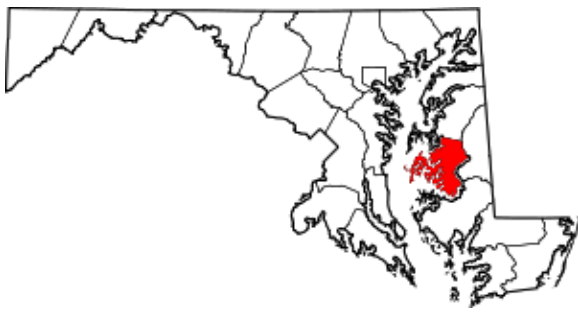
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

46.5% of eligible people enrolled

- 50.6% Decrease in enrollment since last year

932 participants/year

- 284 Women
- 142 Infants
- 506 Children



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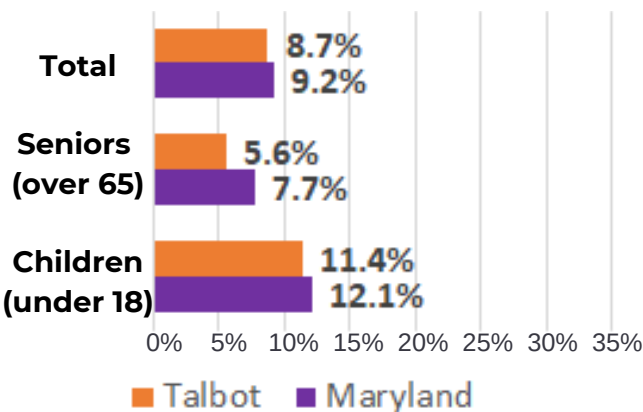
POPULATION (2019 est)¹

Total **37,181**
 Children **6,767**
(under 18) (18.2%)
 Seniors **11,043**
(over 65) (29.7%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)²

\$73,547

POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	227,442	104,342	123,100	0	0	849
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	63,339			32,072	31,267	3,557

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **50.53%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

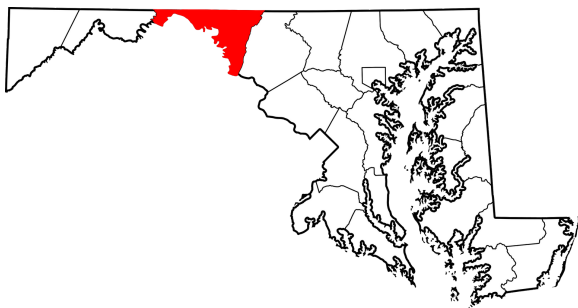
11.8% of households enrolled⁴
 • 1.1% Increase since last year^{2,4}

4,405 average participants/month⁴
 • 1,832 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

51.0% of eligible people enrolled
 • 20.2% Decrease in enrollment since last year

994 participants/year
 • 302 Women
 • 159 Infants
 • 533 Children



WASHINGTON

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **151,049**

Children **32,778**

(under 18) (21.7%)

Seniors **26,434**

(over 65) (17.5%)

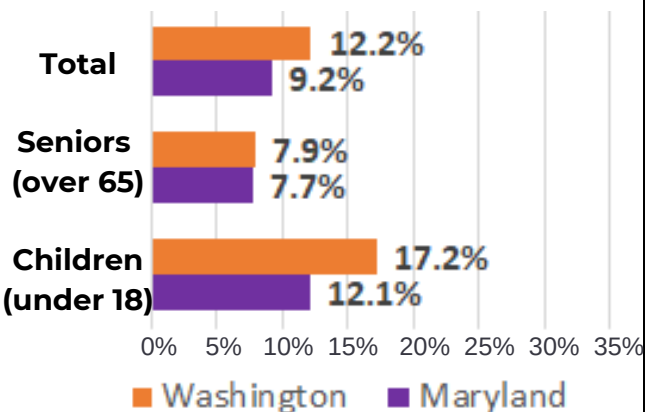
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$60,860

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	786,287	385,120	401,167	0	0	4,060
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	199,412			117,215	82,197	12,515

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** Exactly 4,150 CACFP meals have been served to 297 participants through non-public school providers. The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **53.02%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

16.0% of households enrolled⁴

- 1.5 Increase since last year^{2,4}

24,161 average participants/month⁴

- 12,540 households with children

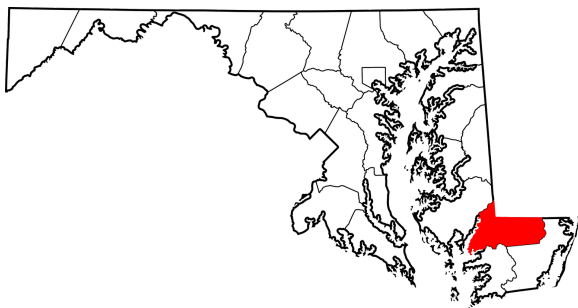
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

48.5% of eligible people enrolled

- 19.2% Decrease in enrollment since last year

5,015 participants/year

- 1,513 Women
- 789 Infants
- 2,713 Children



WICOMICO

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **103,609**

Children **22,690**

(under 18) (21.9%)

Seniors **16,888**

(over 65) (16.3%)

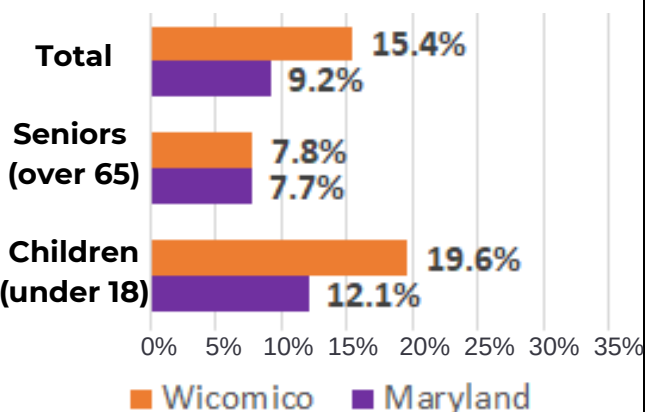
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$56,956

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	505,484	260,355	245,129	0	0	2,214
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	61,516			61,516	0	3,583

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **65.19%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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**100% of Wicomico schools are Hunger Free schools due to CEP*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

19.1% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.4% Increase since last year^{2,4}

19,754 average participants/month⁴

- 10,390 households with children

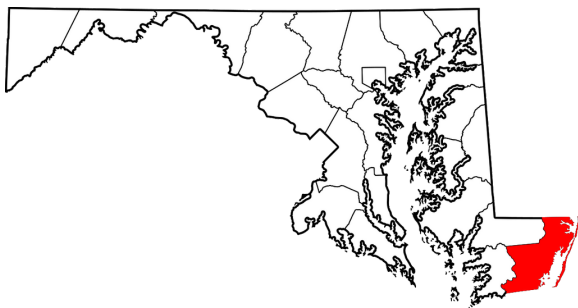
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

55.0% of eligible people enrolled

- 21.1% Decrease in enrollment since last year

4,956 participants/year

- 1,492 Women
- 777 Infants
- 2,687 Children



WORCESTER

POPULATION

(2019 est)¹

Total **52,276**

Children **8,887**

(under 18) (17%)

Seniors **14,742**

(over 65) (28.2%)

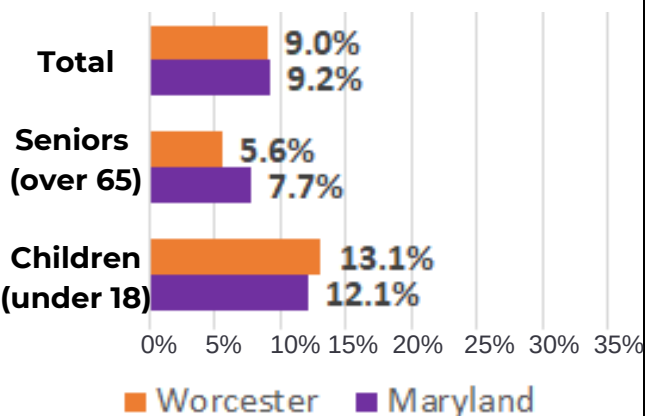
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(2015-2019)²

\$63,499

POVERTY RATES(%)

(2015-2019)²



HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)³

Federal Nutrition Program	Total Meals Served	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Suppers Served	Snacks Served	Average # Participants /Day
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	294,346	123,665	170,681	0	0	1,282
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	51,003			5,717	45,286	3,239

Following school closures in March of 2020, meals were primarily distributed through the SFSP. As of March 2021, out-of-school meals are still being provided at SFSP sites. Pre-pandemic the SFSP operated from June to August. **The SFSP data were collected from March 2020 to December 2020 and are not representative of a full school year.** The CACFP county-level data do not account for providers that operate sites within multiple counties; these data are represented in the Maryland state CACFP measurements.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): **51.92%** of Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

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CEP data is based on School Year 2020-2021 data. The utilization of CEP has increased by 16.8% since last year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (CALENDAR YEAR 2020)

12.7% of households enrolled⁴

- 2.2% Increase since last year^{2,4}

6,646 average participants/month⁴

- 2,692 households with children

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)⁵

41.7% of eligible people enrolled

- 13.7% Decrease in enrollment since last year

997 participants/year

- 289 Women
- 149 Infants
- 559 Children

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TECHNICAL NOTES

1.) U.S. Census Bureau.

- The U.S. Census Bureau provides Census-tract data that describes the population demographics and median income for Maryland and counties of Maryland.
 - <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?q=Maryland&g=0400000US24>
 - <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/MD>

2) U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2015-2019:

- The American Community Survey data from 2015-2019 consists of data tables, narrative information, and poverty measurements.
 - <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/>
 - <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2019/>
 - <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2019/>
 - <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Income%20and%20Poverty&g=0400000US24,24.050000&tid=ACSST5Y2019.S1701&moe=false&hidePreview=true>

3.) The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

- The MSDE provided data on Child Nutrition Programs, SFSP, and CEP Data; this information can be requested by submitting an Office of School and Child Nutrition Program (OSCNP) data request form. Additionally, CEP data can be found on the MSDE website.
 - Contact: Maryland State Department of Education
 - <http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/School-Community-Nutrition/CEPData.aspx>

4.) FY 2020 Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) FIA Statistical Report

- The Maryland DHS provided SNAP participation data through the Statistics Data Directory. Data was derived from the publically available All Program Statistical Reports for FY 2021, 2020, and 2019.
 - <https://www.dhr.maryland.gov/documents/?dir=Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports>
 - <https://www.dhr.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/2021-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-Final-3.pdf>
 - <https://www.dhr.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/2020-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-FINAL-10.pdf>
 - <https://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/Data%20and%20Reports/FIA/Statistical%20Reports/2019-All-Prg-MoStat-Public-Web-w-Charts-FINAL-11.pdf>

5.) Maryland Department of Health, Maryland WIC Program

- The Maryland Department of Health provided WIC eligibility and participation data.
 - Contact: Maryland Department of Health

TECHNICAL NOTES

6.) U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA): Economic Research Service

- The USDA provided the definition for food security.
 - <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/definitions-of-food-security.aspx#:~:text=Food%20insecurity%E2%80%94the%20condition%20assessed,may%20result%20from%20food%20insecurity>

7.) Maryland Department of Budget and Management

- Maryland Department of Budget and Management provided the definition for Maryland's State Fiscal Year.
 - <https://dbm.maryland.gov/budget/pages/citizens-guide.aspx#:~:text=No%2C%20a%20Maryland%20fiscal%20year,ends%20on%20June%2030%2C%202020>

8.) US Department of Agriculture (USDA): Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

- The USDA provided a definition of CEP and how to calculate ISP.
 - <http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Documents/Nutrition/CEPData/CEPPlanningandImplementationGuidanceSeptember2016.pdf>

9.) Department of Health and Human Services

- The Department of Health and Human Services provided the description for the poverty guidelines.
 - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/prior-hhs-poverty-guidelines-and-federal-register-references>

10.) National Agricultural Library

- The National Agricultural Library provided general descriptions about the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and provided links to their specified webpages.
 - <https://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/usda-nutrition-assistance-programs>

11.) United States Code

- The United States Code provides legislative descriptions of program requirements for and provision of the Child Nutrition Programs under Title 42, Chapter 13, Sec. 1758
 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2018-title42/html/USCODE-2018-title42-chap13-sec1758.htm>

12.) US Department of Agriculture (USDA): Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

- The Federal Nutrition Service provided the poverty guidelines for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program.
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/income-eligibility-guidelines>