

# WORCESTER

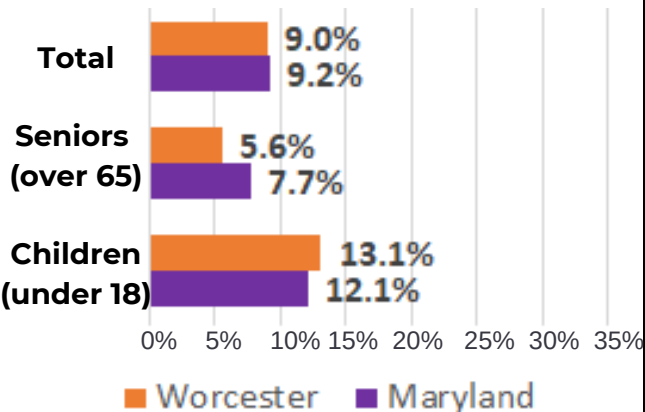
## POPULATION (2019 est)<sup>1</sup>

Total **52,276**  
 Children **8,887**  
*(under 18) (17%)*  
 Seniors **14,742**  
*(over 65) (28.2%)*

## MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2015-2019)<sup>2</sup>

**\$63,499**

## POVERTY RATES(%) (2015-2019)<sup>2</sup>



## HUNGER FREE SCHOOLS (MARCH-DECEMBER 2020)<sup>3</sup>

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)

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 16.8% since last year.

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

**12.7%** of households enrolled<sup>4</sup>  
 • 2.2% Increase since last year<sup>2,4</sup>  
**6,646** average participants/month<sup>4</sup>  
 • 2,692 households with children

## WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) (STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020)<sup>5</sup>

**41.7%** of eligible people enrolled  
 • 13.7% Decrease in enrollment since last year  
**997** participants/year  
 • 289 Women  
 • 149 Infants  
 • 559 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