

2022 Maryland County Hunger Profiles



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Introduction

Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation based on per capita income, but not all Marylanders share in the prosperity. In Maryland, 880,000 residents are participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 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[1]. "Very Low" food security means that children go to sleep hungry and go to school with unfilled stomachs. 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. Many working adults face high costs of living and inadequate wages and struggle to earn enough money to put nutritious meals on the table, pay bills, and afford transportation. Older adults and people with disabilities on fixed incomes are often forced to choose between food and medicine. This is true in every county in Maryland.

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. A core strategy of Maryland Hunger Solutions has been to increase and expand participation in the federal nutrition programs, especially the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 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. Since the onset of the pandemic, Maryland Hunger Solutions has redoubled our efforts to ensure all Maryland residents have access to healthy and nutritious food.

The Maryland Hunger Profiles provide accurate local data on federal nutrition program participation, population, and poverty data for each of the 24 jurisdictions. Behind the percentages outlined in the Maryland Hunger Profiles are the tens of thousands of children, older adults, 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 nutrition programs have not yet realized their full capacity of service for thousands of Marylanders. The purpose of these data profiles is to allow policymakers, partners, and the public to understand the state of hunger within Maryland and inform ongoing community and policy conversations about ensuring Marylanders have sufficient nutrition and the opportunity to thrive. This is especially true as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and recover from the economic and health fallout. Everyone is a stakeholder in the fight against hunger, and together, we can create a hunger-free Maryland.

[1] U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (2022). Definitions of Food Security. Available at <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-u-s/definitions-of-food-security>

Definition of Terms

Calendar Year (CY): The calendar year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. CY 2022 began on January 1, 2022, and will end on December 31, 2022.

The following data derives from CY 2021 due to the data available at the time of its creation. This document was created at the end of 2021 and finished during the first week of January 2022.

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 [2].

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

School Year (SY): For the purposes of this report, SY data covers the months of September-May.

The following report section is based on SY data: Child Nutrition data, Community Eligibility Provision data.

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 [3].

Poverty Guidelines: Annual federal poverty levels (FPL) are issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Federal nutrition programs use the guidelines (or a percentage of the guidelines, such as 185 percent 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 2022, the FPL was \$13,590 for an individual and \$27,750 for a family of four [4].

Identified Student Percentage (ISP): This number captures the percentage of enrolled students who are “categorically eligible” (automatically eligible) for free school meals and can be directly certified by the school system without submitting a school meal application. In Maryland, this includes children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), as well as children in foster care, migrant, homeless, or runaway youth, and Head Start. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, this also includes children participating in Medicaid.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): The Community Eligibility Provision allows high poverty schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students without having to collect, process, or verify school meal applications. Any district, group of schools in a district, or individual school can choose to participate if they have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 40 percent or higher. Schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed based on the ISP, which is multiplied by 1.6 to determine the percentage of meals that will be reimbursed at the highest rate.

(2) Maryland Department of Budget and Management (2022). Operating Budget. Available at <https://dbm.maryland.gov/budget/Pages/operbudhome.aspx>
(3) U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (2022). Definitions of Food Security. Available at <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-u-s/definitions-of-food-security>.

(4) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Evaluation (2022). Prior HHS Poverty Guidelines and Federal Register References. Available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines/prior-hhs-poverty-guidelines-federal-register-references>.

Description of Programs

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

This report depicts CACFP data of meals and snacks served by public school authorities through the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program only.

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. Students living in households with an income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level are eligible to receive free school meals and students with a household income of 185% of the federal poverty level or below can qualify for reduced-price school meals.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): The SFSP provides free meals to kids and teens ages 18 and under in low-income areas to ensure that children continue to receive meals when school is not in session. Local governments, school districts, and private nonprofits can sponsor summer meal sites, which may be located at schools, parks, community and faith centers, local libraries, recreation centers, housing complexes, and other neighborhood locations. Sponsors are reimbursed for each eligible meal and snack served through the administering state agency. Summer meal sites can either operate as “open” or “closed-enrolled” sites. An “open” site serves meals to all children in the community and must be located in an area where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. At a “closed-enrolled” site, only children enrolled can participate. The site qualifies if it is located in a low-income area or if 50 percent or more of the children enrolled in the program are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, USDA issued temporary nationwide waivers that allowed summer meal programs to operate year-round and with increased flexibilities in order to ensure students continued to have access to healthy meals during school closures.

This report depicts SFSP data of meals served by public school authorities only. Meals served by non-public school sponsors such as faith-based organizations, government agencies, private schools, and non-profits are not included.

Seamless Summer Option (SSO): Public and private nonprofit school sponsors may opt to use the Seamless Summer Option, which operates under the same rules as SFSP, but provides a slightly lower free reimbursement rate for all meals served.

In Maryland, all school meals served during the 2021-2022 school year were served through the SSO.

Description of Programs

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.

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.

Programs in Maryland:

More information for each program can be found through the state agency that administers the program.

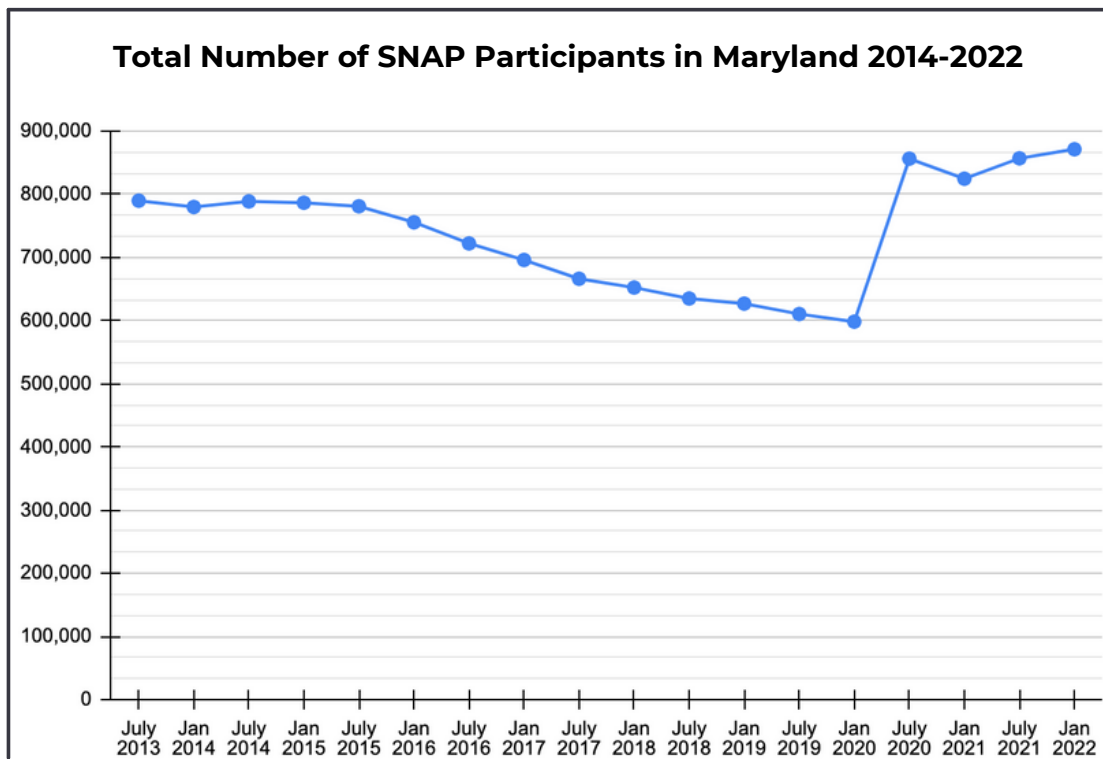
To learn more about the Child and Adult Care Food Program, National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and summer meal programs, please visit the [Maryland Department of Education's Office of School & Community Nutrition Programs.](#)

To learn more about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, please visit the [Maryland Department of Human Services.](#)

To learn more about WIC, please visit the [Maryland Department of Health, Maryland WIC.](#)

2022: A Reflection on the Coronavirus Prevailing Pandemic Adaptations

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 number, 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 SNAP applications received in April of 2020, as compared to March 2020 – nearly 150,000 applications (5). 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 (5). As of April 2022, there are 763,835 SNAP participants in Maryland (5).



In the summer of 2022, the Covid-19 pandemic is still having an impact on our state, our economy and our food system. SNAP, WIC, school meals and charitable efforts are still working to address food insecurity. Over the course of these two years, two important points have been learned. First, we have developed tools and policies that have helped millions of Marylanders. Second, and just as importantly, we have demonstrated that policy can address challenges. Given data and tools, policymakers can - and have - made a difference in the lives of our communities. We hope that this report provides information for prospective policymakers like you. The following profiles provide a snapshot of hunger, poverty, and federal program participation across the state of Maryland, including your community.



MARYLAND STATE

Population (2020):₆

Total: **6,037,624**

Children (under 18): **1,340,766**

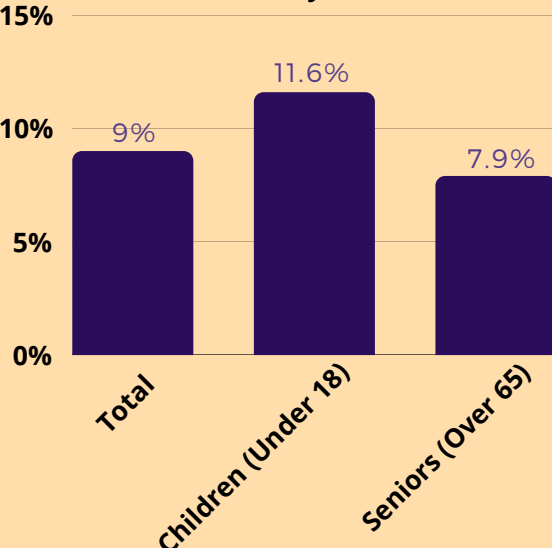
Seniors (over 65): **930,875**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$87,063

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	1,395	40,913,474	73,917,720	2,516	1,260	446,966
Child and Adult Care Food Program	579			2,495,766	4,394,059	29,575

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	1,151	3,841,112	4,778,643	56,780	34,849	107,919
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY):₁₂

368 eligible public schools*
354 participating public schools

*Eligibility is determined on an individual school basis and does not include schools that could be or are made eligible through groupings.

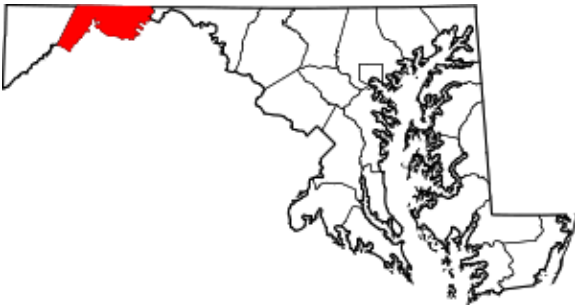
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY):₁₃

828,223 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY):₁₄

50.5% of eligible people enrolled
178,234 average participants/year

- 60,786 Women
- 50,212 Infants (under 1)
- 67,236 Children (ages 1-5)



ALLEGANY COUNTY

Population (2020):⁶

Total: **71,002**

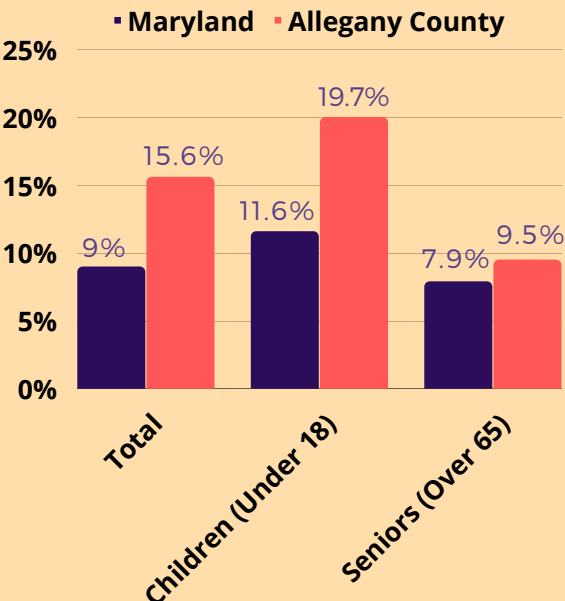
Children (under 18): **12,305**

Seniors (over 65): **14,319**

Median Household Income (2020):⁷

\$49,449

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):⁸



Child Nutrition Programs^{9,10,11}:

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	21	450,519	750,106	0	0	4,657
Child and Adult Care Food Program	8			0	18,834	153

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	16	36,927	60,924	0	0	1,615
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)¹²:

15 eligible public schools*
4 participating public schools

*Eligibility is determined on an individual school basis and does not include schools that could be or are made eligible through groupings.
100% of Allegany County schools could be made eligible through a districtwide grouping.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)¹³:

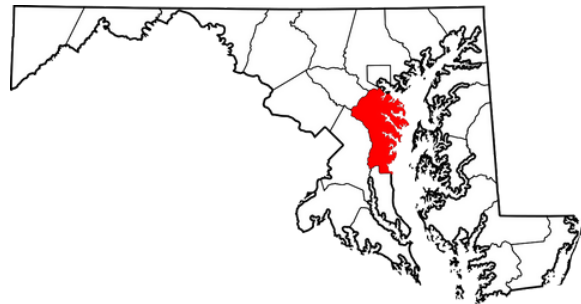
15,820 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)¹⁴:

51.2% of eligible people enrolled

2,618 average participants/year

- 895 Women
- 726 Infants (under 1)
- 997 Children (ages 1-5)



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **575,421**

Children (under 18): **128,406**

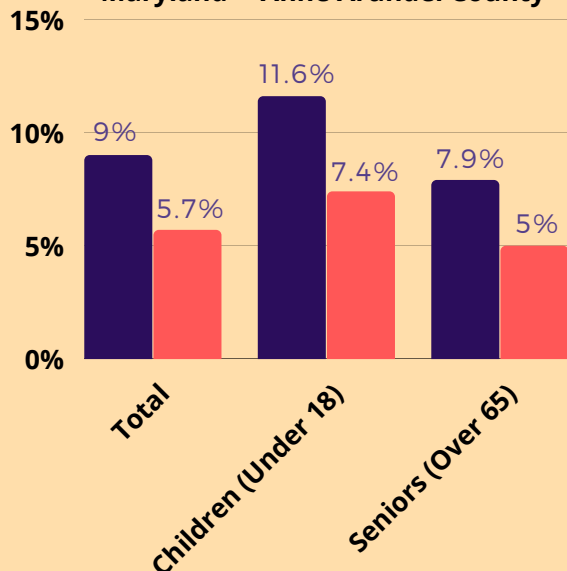
Seniors (over 65): **85,034**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$103,225

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Anne Arundel County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	121	4,033,439	7,081,675	0	0	42,637
Child and Adult Care Food Program	54			0	191,692	1,520

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	53	411,654	460,494	0	0	7,515
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

12 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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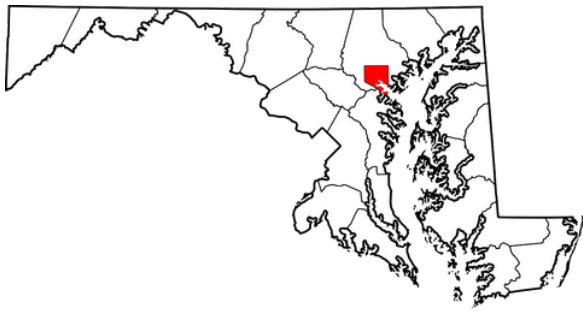
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

59,279 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

45% of eligible people enrolled
10,346 average participants/year

- 3,764 Women
- 3,070 Infants (under 1)
- 3,512 Children (ages 1-5)



BALTIMORE CITY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **602,274**

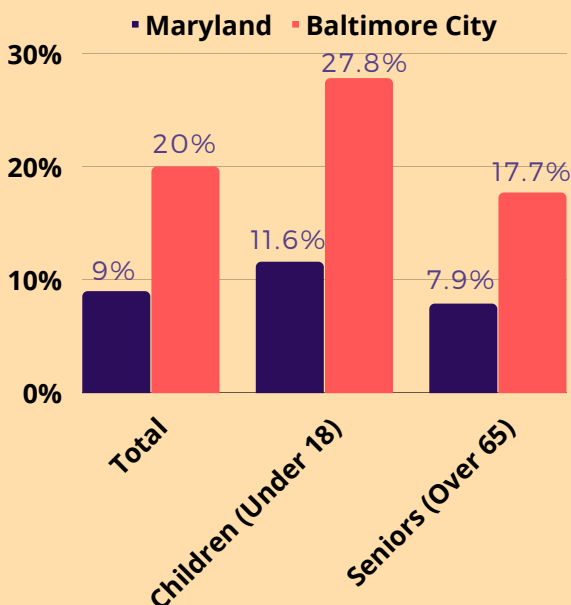
Children (under 18): **123,241**

Seniors (over 65): **84,559**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$52,164

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	153	3,104,282	6,275,997	0	0	38,013
Child and Adult Care Food Program	83			570,509	421,353	3,432

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	118	226,018	347,255	0	0	12,331
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

144 eligible public schools*
160 participating public schools**

**Baltimore City uses CEP districtwide.

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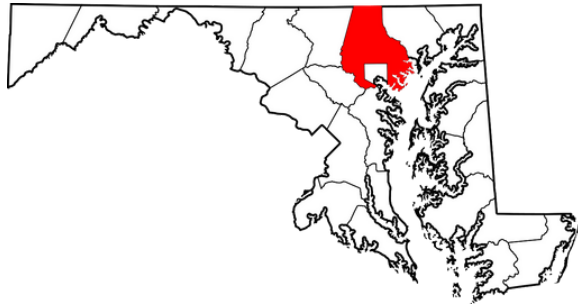
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

186,260 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

45% of eligible people enrolled
22,221 average participants/year

- 7,981 Women
- 6,428 Infants (under 1)
- 7,812 Children (ages 1-5)



BALTIMORE COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **828,193**

Children (under 18): **179,086**

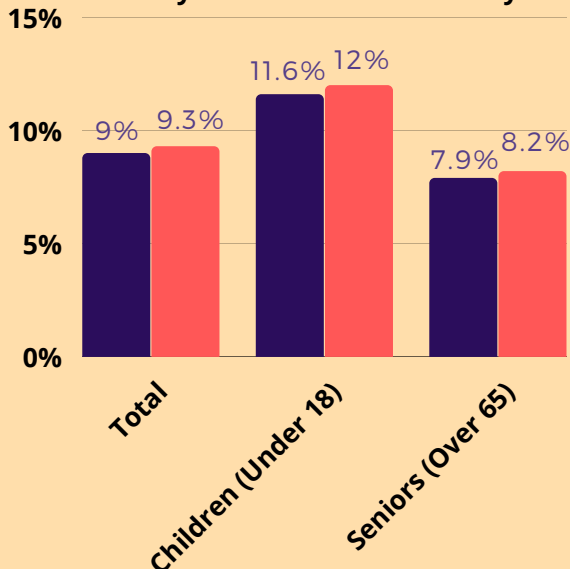
Seniors (over 65): **142,475**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$78,724

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Baltimore County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	168	5,958,870	9,334,650	0	0	55,915
Child and Adult Care Food Program	32			57,299	30,948	351

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	146	458,799	570,793	0	0	11,965
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

75 eligible public schools*
87 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

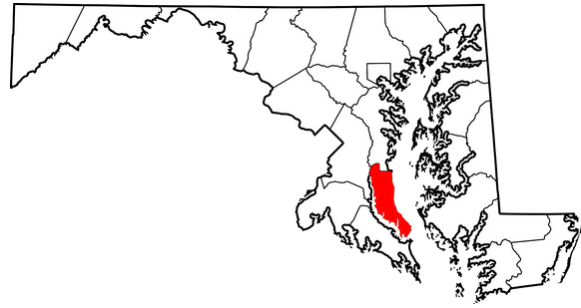
121,993 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

47.2% of eligible people enrolled

25,531 average participants/year

- 9,026 Women
- 7,642 Infants (under 1)
- 8,863 Children (ages 1-5)



CALVERT COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **92,094**

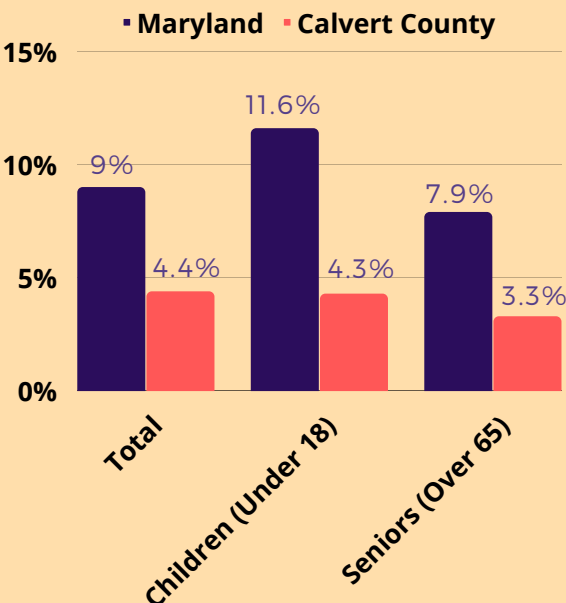
Children (under 18): **21,370**

Seniors (over 65): **13,760**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$112,696

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	23	588,222	1,196,156	0	0	7,164
Child and Adult Care Food Program	0			0	0	0

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	16	46,722	48,991	0	0	567
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

0 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

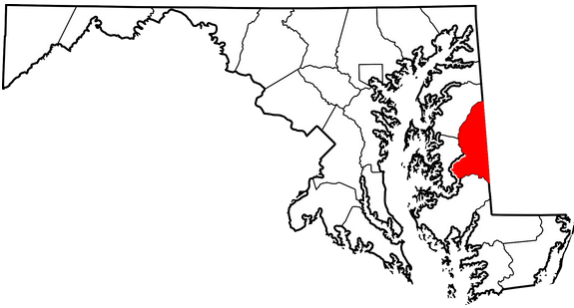
8,155 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

41.5% of eligible people enrolled

1,321 average participants/year

- 437 Women
- 389 Infants (under 1)
- 495 Children (ages 1-5)



CAROLINE COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **33,260**

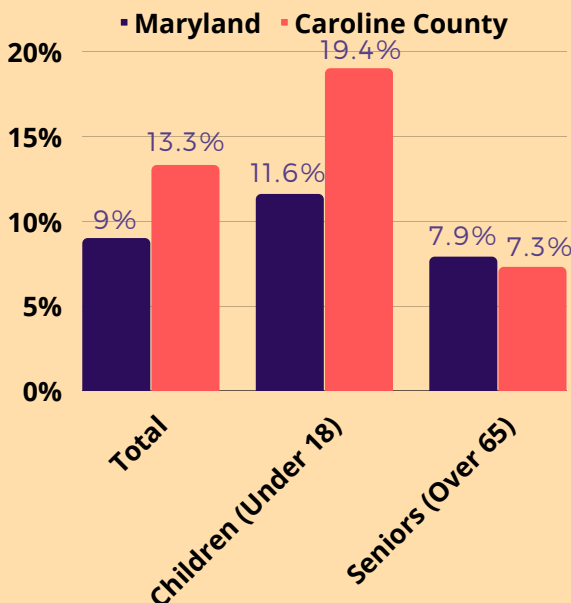
Children (under 18): **7,850**

Seniors (over 65): **5,478**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$59,042

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	12	482,381	565,747	0	0	3,469
Child and Adult Care Food Program	4			6,665	25,074	193

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	14	49,515	50,534	0	0	1,250
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

4 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

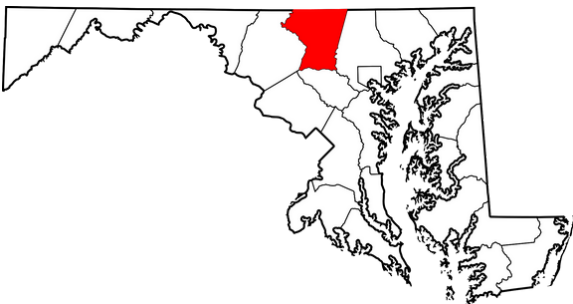
6,636 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

53.3% of eligible people enrolled

1,562 average participants/year

- 567 Women
- 464 Infants (under 1)
- 685 Children (ages 1-5)



CARROLL COUNTY

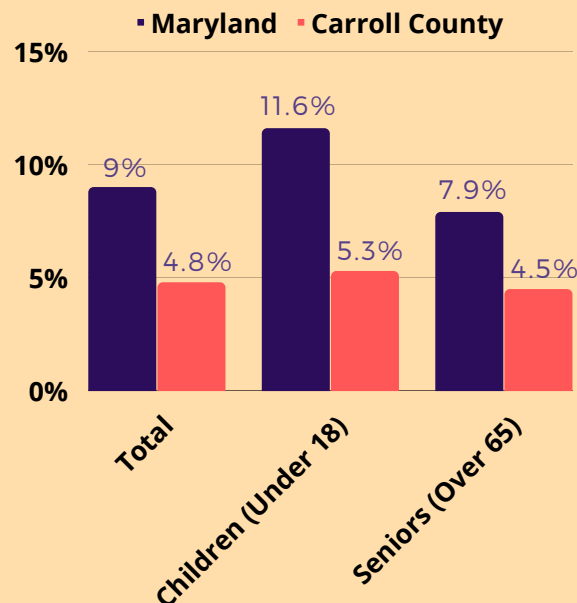
Population (2020):₆

Total:	168,233
Children (under 18):	36,622
Seniors (over 65):	28,367

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$99,569

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	40	1,177,385	2,122,604	0	0	12,447
Child and Adult Care Food Program	38			0	45,279	474

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	22	205,242	242,086	0	0	3,957
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

0 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

10,305 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

45.7% of eligible people enrolled
2,391 average participants/year

- 832 Women
- 648 Infants (under 1)
- 879 Children (ages 1-5)



CECIL COUNTY

Population (2020):⁶

Total: **102,889**

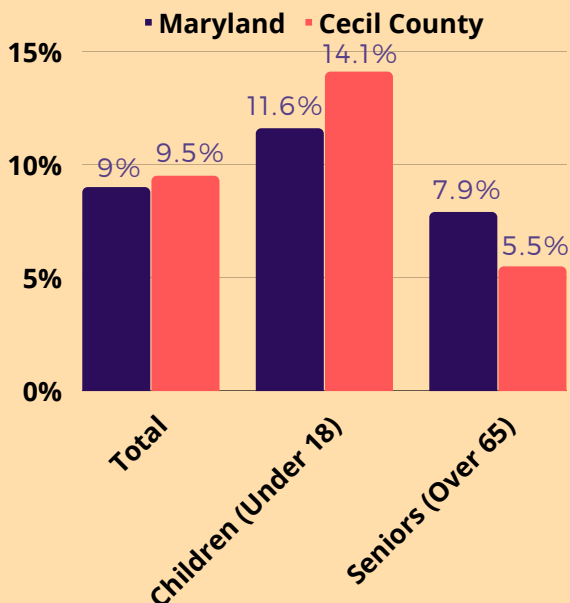
Children (under 18): **23,299**

Seniors (over 65): **16,156**

Median Household Income (2020):⁷

\$79,415

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):⁸



Child Nutrition Programs^{9,10,11}:

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	28	1,093,990	1,564,391	0	0	9,235
Child and Adult Care Food Program	0			0*	0	0

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	9	114,891	137,682	0	0	2,704
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*Afterschool snacks served in Cecil County through the National School Lunch Program are not included in this report.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY):¹²

2 eligible public schools*
2 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY):¹³

15,320 average participants/month

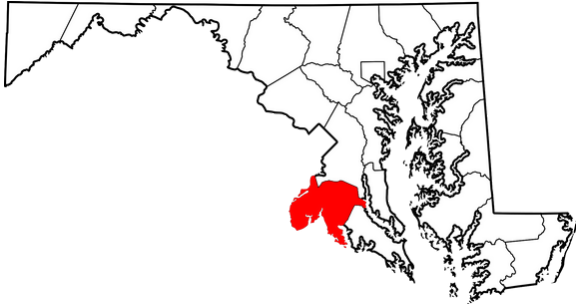
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY):¹⁴

45% of eligible people enrolled

3,002 average participants/year

- 1,027 Women
- 868 Infants (under 1)
- 1,107 Children (ages 1-5)

CHARLES COUNTY



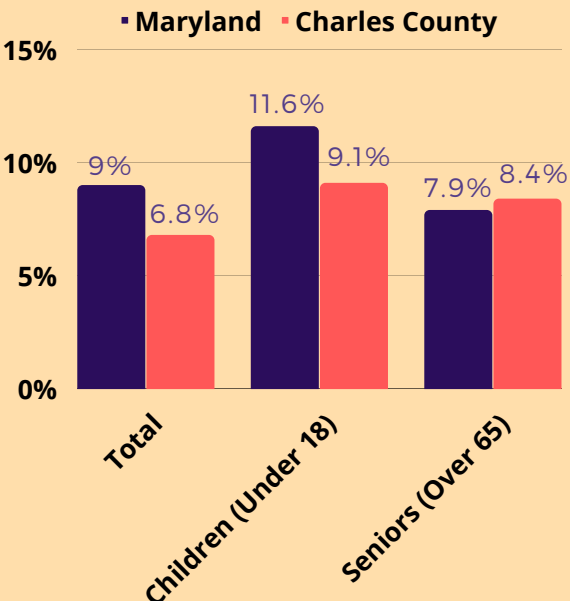
Population (2020):₆

Total:	161,448
Children (under 18):	38,747
Seniors (over 65):	20,123

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$103,678

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	39	1,567,094	2,579,048	0	0	15,606
Child and Adult Care Food Program	12			0	27,155	236

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	18	74,467	89,235	0	0	4,427
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*Afterschool snacks served in Charles County through the National School Lunch Program are not included in this report.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

2 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

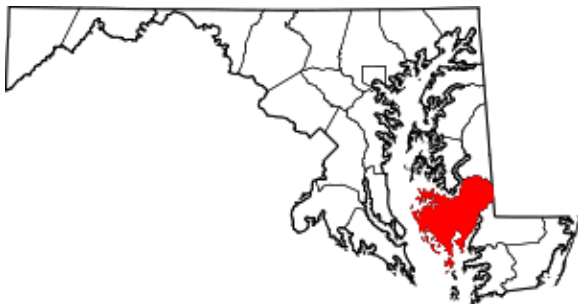
20,665 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

49.8% of eligible people enrolled

4,292 average participants/year

- 1,448 Women
- 1,272 Infants (under 1)
- 1,572 Children (ages 1-5)



DORCHESTER COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **31,994**

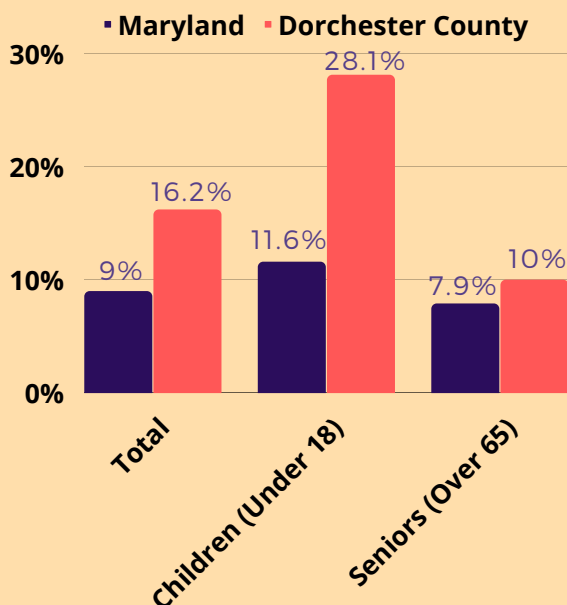
Children (under 18): **6,734**

Seniors (over 65): **6,830**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$52,799

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	11	291,111	428,561	0	0	2,585
Child and Adult Care Food Program	14			0	27,041	389

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	14	19,104	22,542	0	0	649
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

8 eligible public schools*
12 participating public schools**

**Dorchester County uses CEP districtwide.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

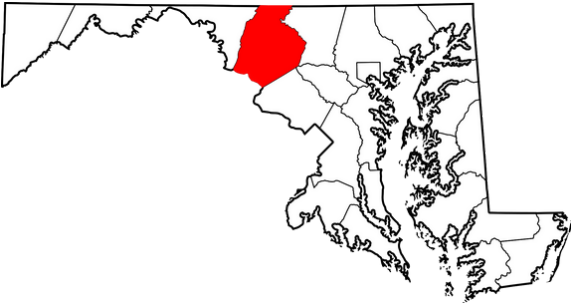
8,791 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

48.2% of eligible people enrolled

1,479 average participants/year

- 522 Women
- 416 Infants (under 1)
- 541 Children (ages 1-5)



FREDERICK COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **255,955**

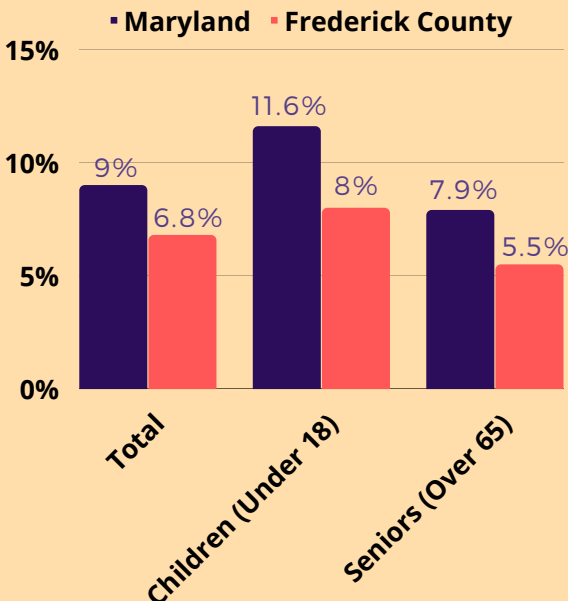
Children (under 18): **59,421**

Seniors (over 65): **37,144**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$100,685

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	70	1,528,480	3,064,221	0	0	18,491
Child and Adult Care Food Program	33			452,726	318,574	1,222

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	57	242,375	362,660	8,398	0	6,408
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

4 eligible public schools*
2 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

19,995 average participants/month

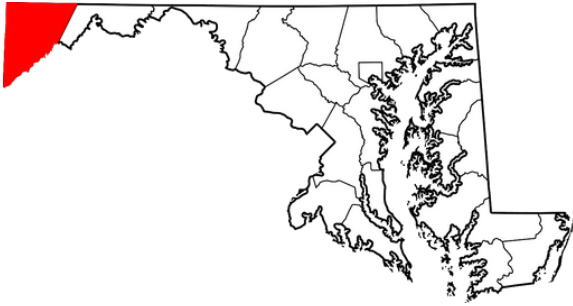
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

52.8% of eligible people enrolled

6,141 average participants/year

- 1,997 Women
- 1,709 Infants (under 1)
- 2,435 Children (ages 1-5)

GARRETT COUNTY



Population (2020):₆

Total: **29,155**

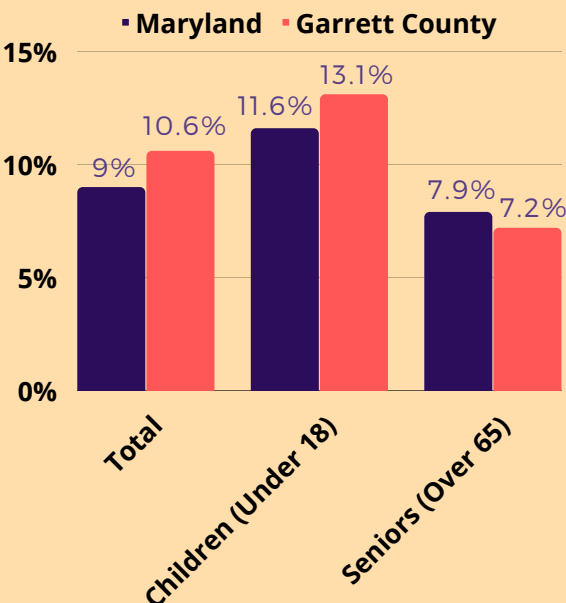
Children (under 18): **5,411**

Seniors (over 65): **6,527**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$54,542

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	14	231,995	351,591	1,260	1,260	2,126
Child and Adult Care Food Program	5			69,384	76,714	310

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	64	47,453	49,731	30,653	30,653	947
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

3 eligible public schools*
1 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

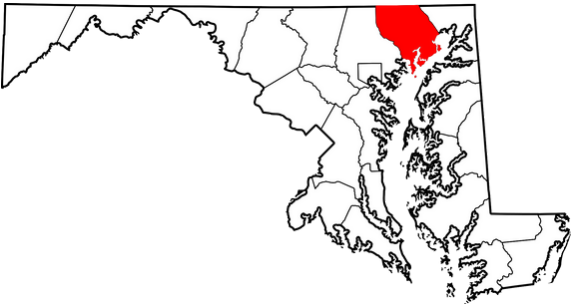
4,346 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

52.7% of eligible people enrolled

1,103 average participants/year

- 374 Women
- 272 Infants (under 1)
- 457 Children (ages 1-5)



HARFORD COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **253,736**

Children (under 18): **56,569**

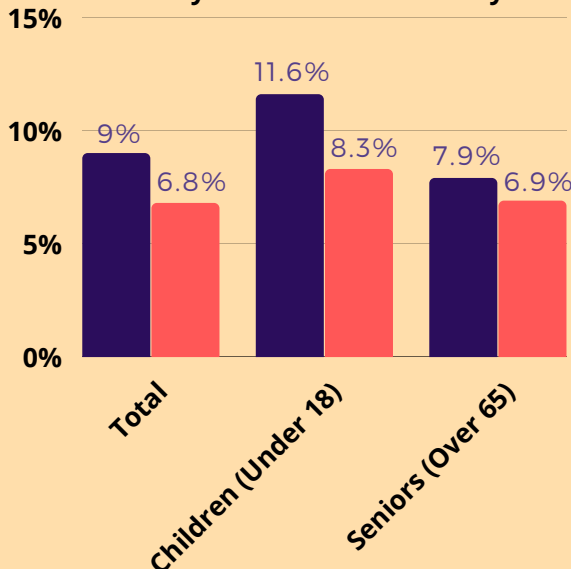
Seniors (over 65): **41,042**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$94,003

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Harford County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11}:

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	52	1,396,896	3,519,561	0	0	20,748
Child and Adult Care Food Program	28			69,108	63,774	371

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	51	190,478	246,347	13,217	0	5,775
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂:

12 eligible public schools*
7 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃:

25.739 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄:

46.3% of eligible people enrolled

5,570 average participants/year

- 1,880 Women
- 1,615 Infants (under 1)
- 2,075 Children (ages 1-5)



HOWARD COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **322,407**

Children (under 18): **78,553**

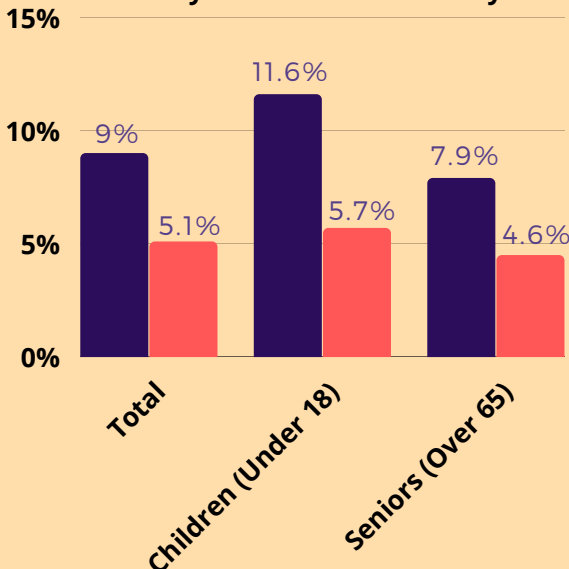
Seniors (over 65): **44,553**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$124,042

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Howard County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	76	1,850,237	4,222,584	0	0	25,519
Child and Adult Care Food Program	9			0	27,464	348

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	33	209,668	278,555	0	0	9,111
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

2 eligible public schools*
3 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

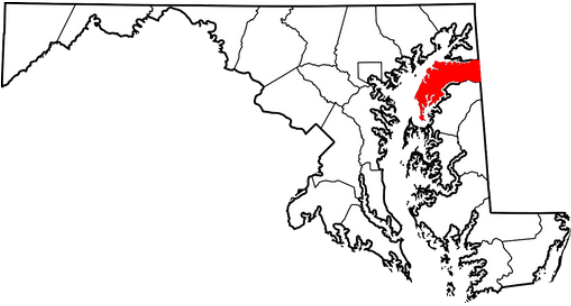
22,843 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

49.9% of eligible people enrolled

6,027 average participants/year

- 2,042 Women
- 1,704 Infants (under 1)
- 2,281 Children (ages 1-5)



KENT COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **19,456**

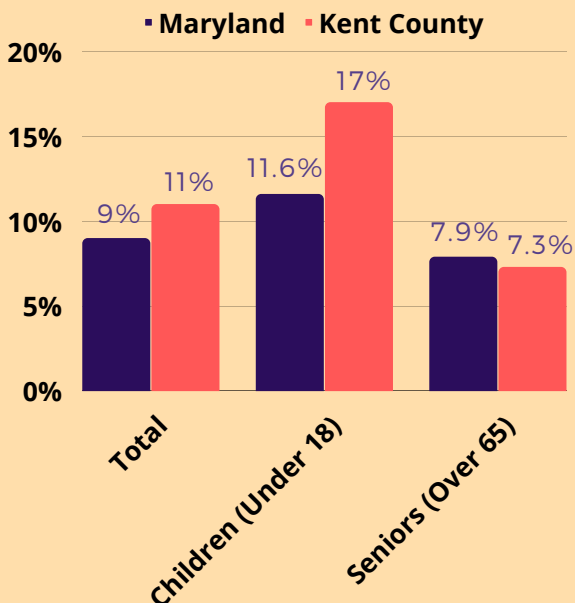
Children (under 18): **3,045**

Seniors (over 65): **5,125**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$60,208

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11}

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	5	181,318	183,744	0	0	1,282
Child and Adult Care Food Program	0			0*	0	0

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	4	15,699	17,098	0	0	488
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*Afterschool snacks served in Kent County through the National School Lunch Program are not included in this report.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂

4 eligible public schools*
2 participating public schools

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100% of Kent County schools could be made eligible through a districtwide grouping.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃

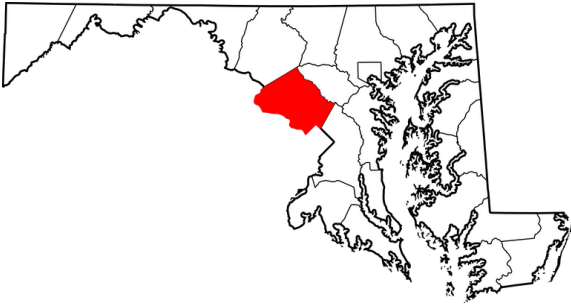
3,289 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄

46.5% of eligible people enrolled

621 average participants/year

- 216 Women
- 182 Infants (under 1)
- 223 Children (ages 1-5)



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **1,047,661**

Children (under 18): **243,489**

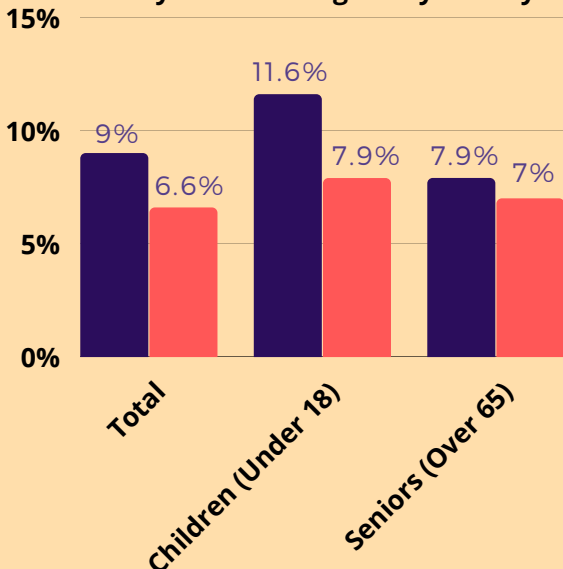
Seniors (over 65): **162,414**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$111,812

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Montgomery County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	220	5,786,209	12,006,574	0	0	72,551
Child and Adult Care Food Program	125			870,573	1,719,318	11,266

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	239	800,317	1,009,988	4,512	20	20,427
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

2 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

75,104 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

57.3% of eligible people enrolled

46,186 average participants/year

- 15,273 Women
- 12,303 Infants (under 1)
- 18,610 Children (ages 1-5)



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

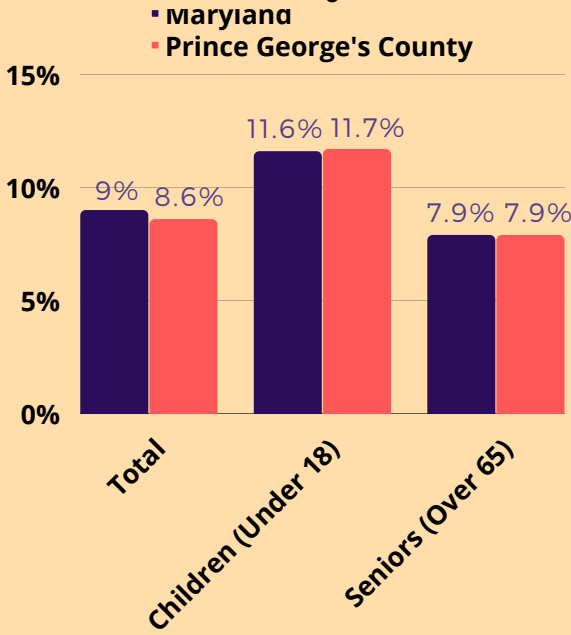
Population (2020):₆

Total:	910,551
Children (under 18):	202,908
Seniors (over 65):	121,208

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$86,994

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	204	6,983,547	12,150,423	0	0	74,842
Child and Adult Care Food Program	51			0	801,712	5,373

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	136	244,962	292,759	0	0	6,148
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

33 eligible public schools*
26 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

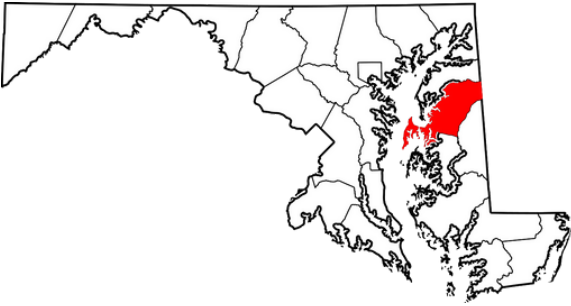
139,668 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

52.4% of eligible people enrolled
20,034 average participants/year

- 6,449 Women
- 5,465 Infants (under 1)
- 8,070 Children (ages 1-5)

Data Sources: Listed in Technical Notes section of this report.



QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

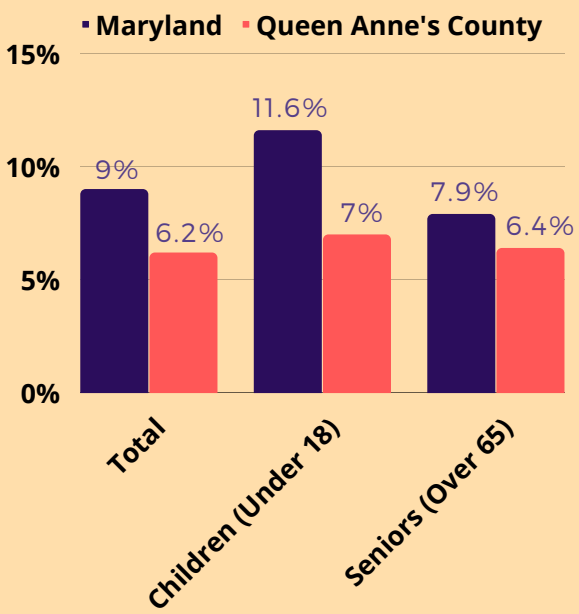
Population (2020):₆

Total:	50,163
Children (under 18):	10,753
Seniors (over 65):	9,593

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$96,467

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	15	363,832	587,142	0	0	3,587
Child and Adult Care Food Program	0			0	0	0

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	7	47,530	51,882	0	0	1,295
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

1 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

3,537 average participants/month

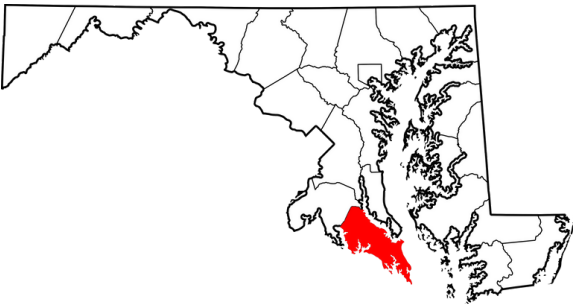
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

47.2% of eligible people enrolled
831 average participants/year

- 292 Women
- 232 Infants (under 1)
- 307 Children (ages 1-5)

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY



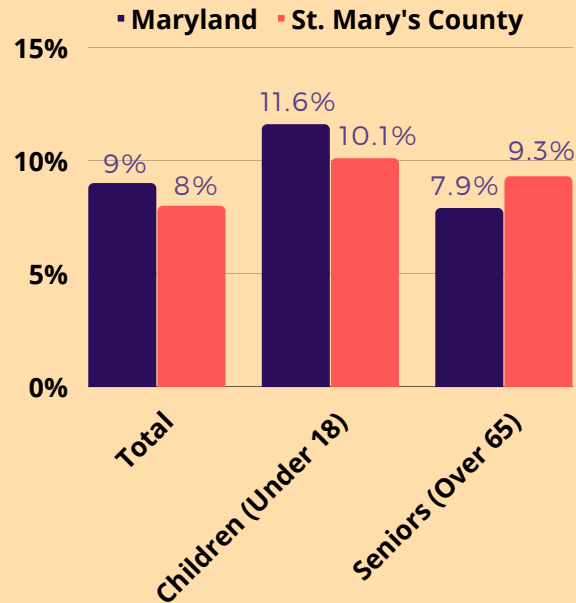
Population (2020):₆

Total:	113,182
Children (under 18):	27,411
Seniors (over 65):	14,531

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$95,864

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	27	809,241	1,399,945	0	0	8,548
Child and Adult Care Food Program	26			392,563	391,412	2,332

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	20	95,042	114,049	0	0	1,757
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

3 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

*Eligibility is determined on an individual school basis and does not include schools that could be or are made eligible through groupings.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

12,945 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

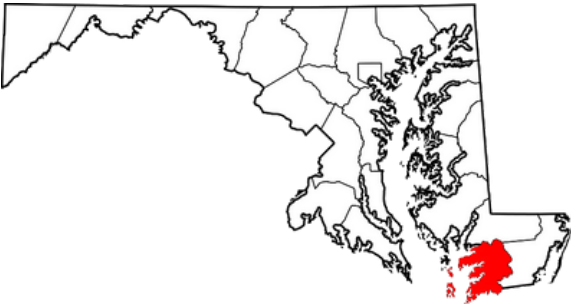
46.5% of eligible people enrolled

2,967 average participants/year

- 1,043 Women
- 872 Infants (under 1)
- 1,052 Children (ages 1-5)

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SOMERSET COUNTY



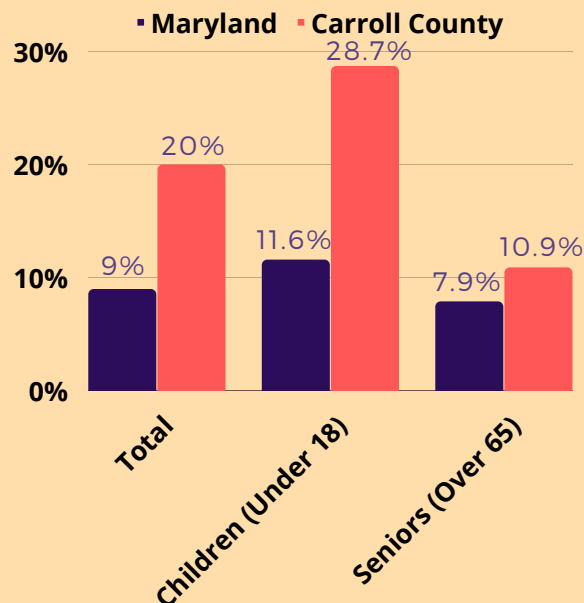
Population (2020):₆

Total:	25,699
Children (under 18):	4,390
Seniors (over 65):	4,273

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$44,980

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	8	271,248	269,111	0	0	1,910
Child and Adult Care Food Program	0			0	0	0

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	9	27,831	27,363	0	4,176	572
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

7 eligible public schools*
8 participating public schools**

**Somerset County uses CEP districtwide.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

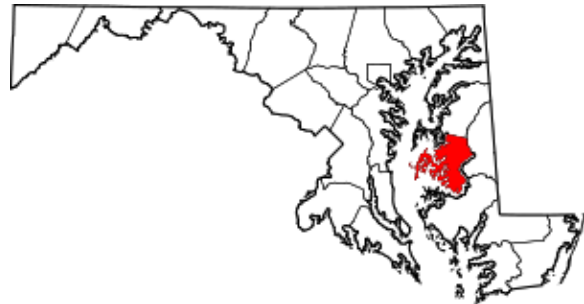
5,926 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

46.5% of eligible people enrolled

693 average participants/year

- 204 Women
- 201 Infants (under 1)
- 288 Children (ages 1-5)



TALBOT COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **37,087**

Children (under 18): **6,796**

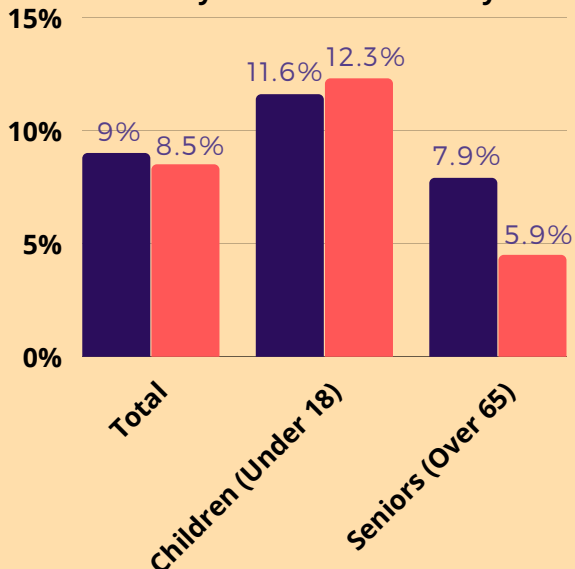
Seniors (over 65): **10,829**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$73,102

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

■ Maryland ■ Carroll County



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	8	278,526	401,520	1,256	0	2,430
Child and Adult Care Food Program	1			0	9,337	69

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	7	31,003	39,086	0	0	659
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

1 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

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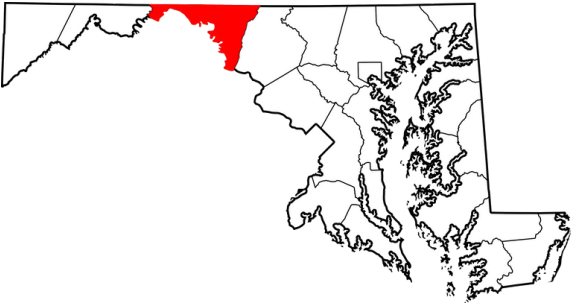
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

4.784 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

51% of eligible people enrolled
1,104 average participants/year

- 364 Women
- 304 Infants (under 1)
- 436 Children (ages 1-5)



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Population (2020):⁶

Total: **150,575**

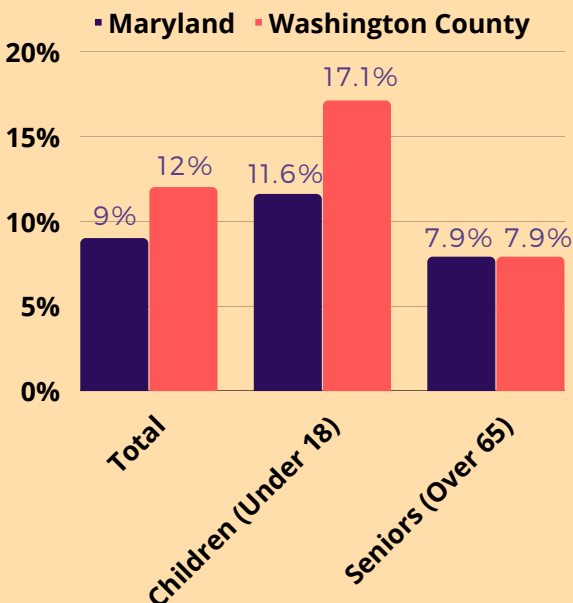
Children (under 18): **32,813**

Seniors (over 65): **25,877**

Median Household Income (2020):⁷

\$63,510

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):⁸



Child Nutrition Programs^{9,10,11}:

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	42	1,234,773	2,066,035	0	0	12,009
Child and Adult Care Food Program	33			0	131,581	901

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	55	103,491	143,106	0	0	3,907
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY):¹²

14 eligible public schools*
13 participating public schools

*Eligibility is determined on an individual school basis and does not include schools that could be or are made eligible through groupings.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY):¹³

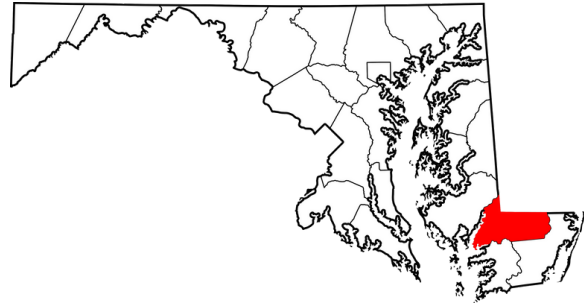
26,778 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY):¹⁴

48.5% of eligible people enrolled

5,525 average participants/year

- 1,858 Women
- 1,546 Infants (under 1)
- 2,121 Children (ages 1-5)



WICOMICO COUNTY

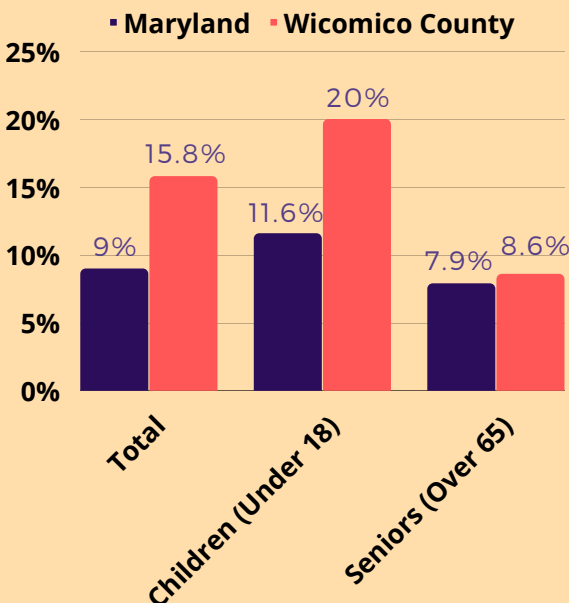
Population (2020):₆

Total:	103,222
Children (under 18):	22,612
Seniors (over 65):	16,285

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$60,366

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈



Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	26	934,828	1,345,503	0	0	8,213
Child and Adult Care Food Program	12			0	41,022	351

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	26	61,644	69,840	0	0	1,945
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

14 eligible public schools*
26 participating public schools**

**Wicomico County uses CEP districtwide.

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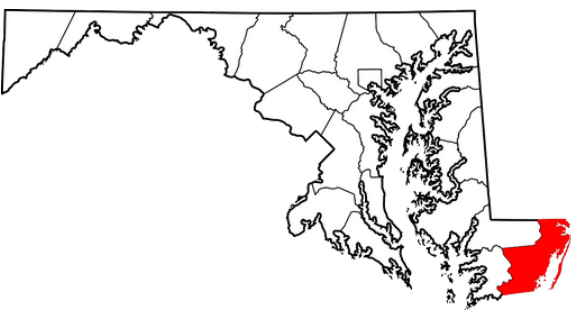
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

22,548 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

55% of eligible people enrolled
5,722 average participants/year

- 1,994 Women
- 1,640 Infants (under 1)
- 2,088 Children (ages 1-5)



WORCESTER COUNTY

Population (2020):₆

Total: **51,967**

Children (under 18): **8,935**

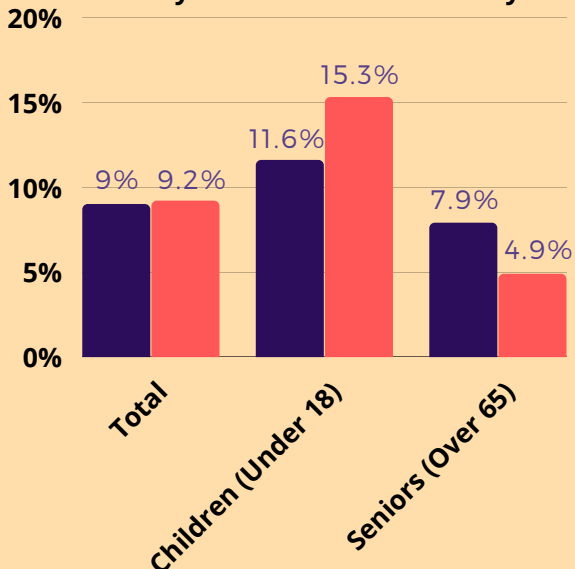
Seniors (over 65): **14,373**

Median Household Income (2020):₇

\$65,396

Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2020):₈

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Child Nutrition Programs_{9,10,11} :

School Year 2021-2022

Federal Nutrition Program	Number of Meal Sites	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served	Snacks Served	Suppers Served	Average Daily Participation
Seamless Summer Option	12	315,051	450,831	0	0	2,982
Child and Adult Care Food Program	11			6,939	25,775	284

Summer 2021

Summer Food Service Program	17	40,280	45,643	0	0	1,497
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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (2021-2022 SY)₁₂ :

6 eligible public schools*
0 participating public schools

*Eligibility is determined on an individual school basis and does not include schools that could be or are made eligible through groupings.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (2022 SFY)₁₃ :

7,499 average participants/month

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2021 SFY)₁₄ :

41.7% of eligible people enrolled

793 average participants/year

- 251 Women
- 212 Infants (under 1)
- 330 Children (ages 1-5)

Technical Notes

The data in this report are collected from the following sources:

- Population (6)
- Median Household Income (7)
- Percent of Population Living Below Poverty (8)
- Child Nutrition Programs (9, 10, 11)
- Community Eligibility Provision (12)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (13)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (14)

This report does not include data for meals served by private schools, child care institutions, and other institutions that operate federal child nutrition programs outside of the public school system.

CACFP and SSO data from the 2021–2022 school year are based on daily averages of the number of breakfasts and lunches served on school days during the months from September 2021 through May 2022. SFSP data from summer 2021 include the months of June, July, and August 2021.

The number of meal sites for the child nutrition programs was pulled from October for data covering the 2021-2022 school year and from July for data covering summer 2021.

To determine average daily participation (ADP) for summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 SY, the ADP of each individual month was added together and divided by the number of months included in the time period being reported. ADP for CACFP is based off of supper meal count data.

Participation numbers are not included for the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to pandemic-related waivers all meals served by public school authorities in Maryland during this time were served through SSO.

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