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### Introduction

Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation based on per capita income, but not all Marylanders experience the same financial security. As of February 2025, just under 680,000 Maryland residents participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).<sup>1</sup> Households that experience prolonged food insecurity are at the greatest risk of experiencing hunger.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as an economic or social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate quality and quantity of food.<sup>2</sup> "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, eat less, or purchase foods of low nutritional value so that they can feed their children. Many working adults face high costs of living, struggling 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 our founding in 2007, Maryland Hunger Solutions (MDHS) has been dedicated to advancing long-term and sustainable solutions to end hunger for all Marylanders. MDHS works with state and community partners to educate people about hunger in Maryland, promote proven solutions to reduce food insecurity, improve public policies, and connect eligible residents to federal and state nutrition programs. MDHS also connects anti-hunger advocates, government agencies, medical professionals, service providers, nonprofits, and food policy councils to make progress toward ending hunger in Maryland.

A core strategy of MDHS is to increase and expand participation in federal nutrition programs, including SNAP, which is often the first line of defense against food insecurity. Another core strategy is promoting maternal and early childhood nutrition programs such as Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), school meals programs, and out-of-school time programs to ensure that children of all ages receive the nutrition that is necessary for their growth and development.

#### About Maryland Hunger Profiles

The 2025 *Maryland Hunger Profiles* provides accurate local data on federal nutrition program participation, population, and poverty data for each of the 24 jurisdictions. Behind the percentages outlined in the county hunger profiles are the tens of thousands of children, older adults, people living with disabilities, veterans, and low-wage earners in Maryland 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 to inform ongoing community and policy conversations about ensuring Marylanders 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 1 and ends on December 31. CY 2024 began on January 1, 2024, and will end on December 31, 2024.

**State fiscal year (SFY):** The fiscal year in Maryland begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. SFY 2024 started on July 1, 2023, and ended on June 30, 2024.<sup>3</sup>

**School year (SY):** For the purposes of this report, SY data covers the months of September–May.

**Food insecurity:** 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.

**Federal poverty level:** Annual federal poverty levels (FPL) are issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Federal nutrition programs use the guidelines (or a percentage from the guidelines, such as 185 percent of the FPL), in determining income eligibility. The FPL varies by household size and has no age distinction. In 2024, the FPL is \$15,060 for an individual and \$31,200 for a family of four.

**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 or Head Start, and migrant, homeless, or runaway youth. This also includes children participating in Medicaid.

# **Description of Programs**

**Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**: 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 who are enrolled in day care facilities, and adults ages 60 and above, are also eligible to receive meals through CACFP.

**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP):** CEP 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 of 25 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.

\*The Community Eligibility Provision regulations were amended on October 23, 2023, reducing the minimum identified student percentage required for eligibility from 40 percent to 25 percent. This change allows more schools to participate in CEP, enabling them to offer free meals to all students when financially viable.<sup>5</sup>

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP): 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 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible to receive free school meals, and students with a household income of 185 percent of the federal poverty level or below can qualify for reduced-price school meals. All Maryland students who are enrolled in reduced-price meal programs automatically receive free meals.

This data report details free and reduced-price meal enrollment data for SY 2023–2024.

**Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):** 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.

# **Description of Programs**

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

The WIC serves women who are pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding, and infants and children up to 5 years old. Participants must meet categorical, residential, income, and nutrition-risk requirements. Applicants can be determined income-eligible for WIC based on their participation in or eligibility for other specific income-based programs.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** SNAP provides monetary benefits on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to supplement the food budget of families with low incomes so they can purchase the food they need and move toward selfsufficiency. To receive SNAP benefits, participants must apply in the state where they currently live and 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.

#### **Programs in Maryland**

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

- To learn more about CACFP, the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and summer meal programs, please visit the <u>Maryland Department of Education's Office of</u> <u>School and Community Nutrition Programs</u>.
- To learn more about SNAP, please visit the Maryland Department of Human Services.
- To learn more about WIC, please visit the <u>Maryland Department of Health's Maryland WIC</u>
  <u>page</u>.

# Key Takeaways

The 2025 *Maryland Hunger Profiles* offers valuable insights into the state of food insecurity in each jurisdiction in Maryland. Behind the numbers presented in these profiles are Marylanders who struggle to put food on the table due to a variety of factors. These factors include high food prices, cost of living, as well as lasting impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic such as rising unemployment rates and continued financial hardship.<sup>6</sup>

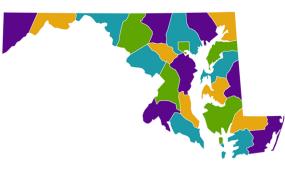
Understanding county-level statistics about demographics and participation in federal nutrition programs is a crucial step in the fight against hunger. Maryland Hunger Solutions aims to collaborate with state and community partners to discover sustainable hunger solutions, with the ultimate goal of achieving a hunger-free Maryland and supporting the well-being of its residents.

- In Maryland, approximately one out of every nine residents were participating in SNAP, with an average of almost 693,000 residents relying on the program each month during the 2024 fiscal year.<sup>7</sup>
- Over half of all Maryland students were enrolled to receive free or reduced-price school meals in SY 2023-2024.

These statistics underscore the significant role of federal nutrition programs in supporting a considerable number of Maryland residents. County-level data can reveal where participation in nutrition programs is concentrated. For example, in 2023 approximately 75 percent of eligible people in Maryland were enrolled in WIC, but 12 counties had enrollment rates below 70 percent.<sup>9</sup> Food insecurity takes on a different shape in each community, and these profiles aim to provide a deeper understanding of these variations.

Maryland Hunger Solutions utilizes county-level data to better target our outreach efforts. In addition, the latest nutrition benefits programs participation data help to inform our advocacy for programmatic and policy changes that will increase participation in these vital programs – such as <u>Healthy School Meals for All</u> and improved SNAP benefit adequacy.

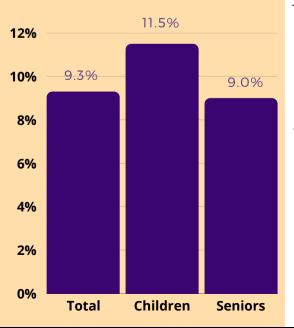
Through these data profiles, policymakers, community partners, and the general public can gain insights into the landscape of hunger in Maryland. This information serves as a foundation for meaningful and productive discussions about ensuring adequate nutrition and opportunities for all Marylanders to flourish and fostering ongoing community engagement and informed policy decisions to work toward ending hunger in Maryland.



# MARYLAND STATE

Population (2023)		
Total:	6,170,738	
Children (under 18):	1,375,936	
Seniors (over 65):	1,003,219	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$101,652		

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
	Free and Reduced-Price*	Free and Reduce

Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
893,241	500,155	55.99%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	40,959,437	230,050
School Lunch	69,496,685	417,679
Summer Meals*	2,996,681	140,581

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
1,403	1,044	650

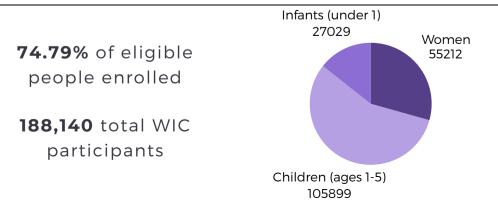
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

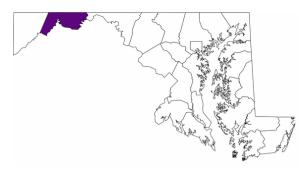
#### 692,966 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# **ALLEGANY COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	67,762	
Children (under 18):	12,056	
Seniors (over 65):	14,200	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$57	7,393	
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)		
25%		
<b>20%</b>	20.3%	
15%	12.8%	

#### **School Meal Programs**

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
8,201	5,544	67.6%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	455,549	2,771
School Lunch	696,779	4,145
Summer Meals*	17,810	751

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
24	24	5

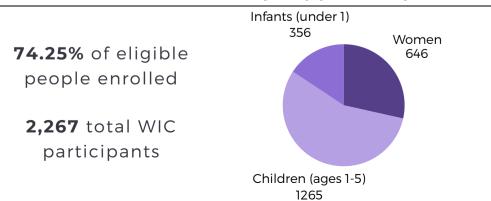
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 15,051 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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Children

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Seniors

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Total

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Population (2023)

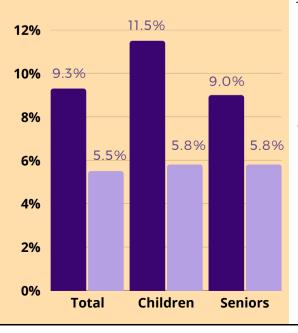
# **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

Population (2023)	
Total:	590,936
Children (under 18):	133,885
Seniors (over 65):	91,932

Median Household Income (2023)

\$120,324

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
84,531	35,313	41.78%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	3,003,804	16.538
School Lunch	5,775,303	34,342
Summer Meals*	106,675	5,603

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
123	72	0

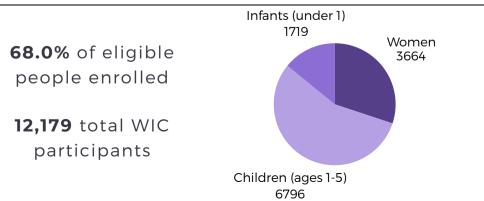
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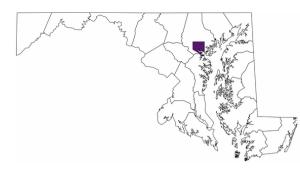
#### 43,266 average participants/month\*

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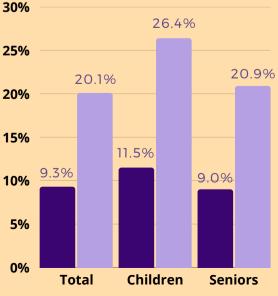


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# **BALTIMORE CITY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	577,193	
Children (under 18):	120,494	
Seniors (over 65):	86,161	
Median Household Income (2023)		
	9,623	
\$59 Percent of th Living Below	-	



School	Meal	Programs	

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
76,137	71,150	93.45%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	3,052,516	17,437
School Lunch	7,071,872	43,144
Summer Meals*	705,092	32,501

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
158	DISTRICTWIDE	

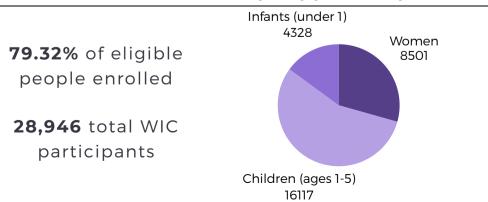
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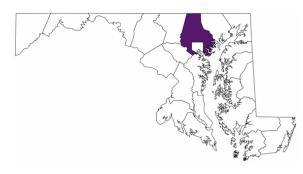
#### 149,264 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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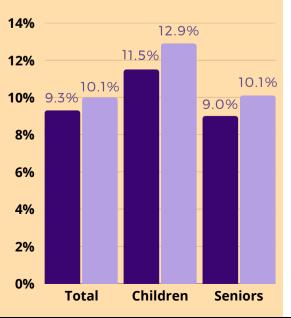


## **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	849,586	
Children (under 18):	186,425	
Seniors (over 65):	150,859	
Median Household Income (2023)		

\$90,904

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



#### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
110,159	81,638	74.11%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	6,992,547	39,087
School Lunch	9,475,220	57,387
Summer Meals*	434,482	23,061

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
169	DISTRICTWIDE	

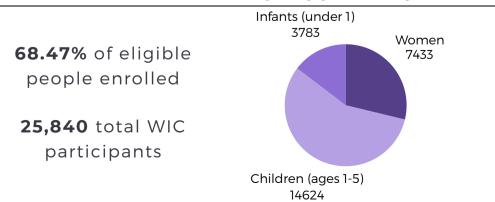
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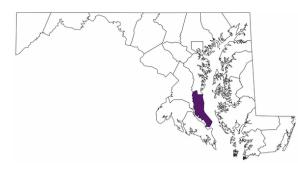
#### 102,883 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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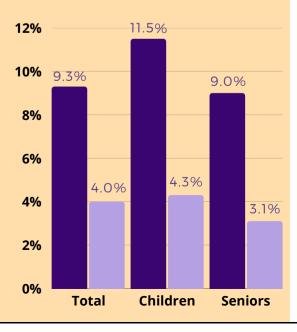


# **CALVERT COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	93,791	
Children (under 18):	21,786	
Seniors (over 65):	14,914	
Median Household Income (2023)		

\$132,059

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



School Meal	Programs
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
15,368	4,640	30.19%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	204,197	1,123
School Lunch	718,780	4,272
Summer Meals*	13,428	438

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
23	13	0

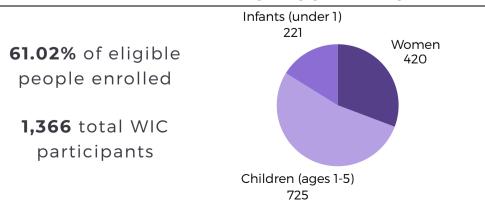
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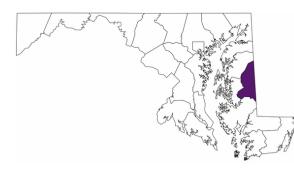
#### 6,843 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# **CAROLINE COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	33,406	
Children (under 18):	7,926	
Seniors (over 65):	5,719	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$66	<b>5,368</b>	
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)		
20%	18.9%	
15% 12.4%	1.5%	
<b>10%</b> 9.3%	9.0%9.0%	
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#### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
5,709	4,738	82.99%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	576,895	3,230
School Lunch	644,204	3,738
Summer Meals*	36,317	1,835

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
9	DISTRICTWIDE	

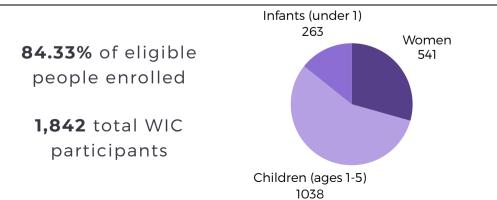
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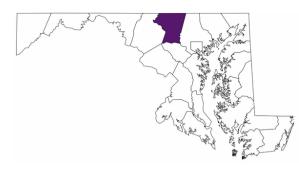
#### 5,906 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# **CARROLL COUNTY**

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Seniors (over 65):	30,667	
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### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
26,096	7,188	27.54%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### 13, 14, 15 Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	755,247	4,188
School Lunch	1,618,259	9,334
Summer Meals*	75,066	2,293

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
41	13	0

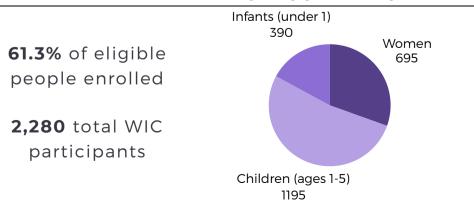
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 9,445 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>\*</sup>



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Seniors

Children



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# **CECIL COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	104,366	
Children (under 18):	23,376	
Seniors (over 65):	17,411	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$91,146		
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)		
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
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	Meals Enrollment	Price* Percentage

**School Meal Programs** 

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

59.58%

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### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	987,646	5,675
School Lunch	1,344,992	8,043
Summer Meals*	76,914	2,840

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
31	31	14

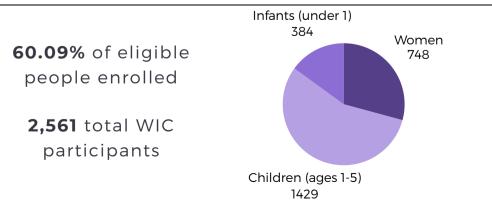
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 13,662 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>°</sup>



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# **CHARLES COUNTY**

Population (2023)			
Total:	168	,710	Tota
Children (under 18):	40,	477	*All I
Seniors (over 65):	22,	108	
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#### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
27,980	13,877	49.60%

MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### 13, 14, 15 Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,681,330	9,456
School Lunch	2,631,172	15,485
Summer Meals*	63,646	3,827

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
41	33	12

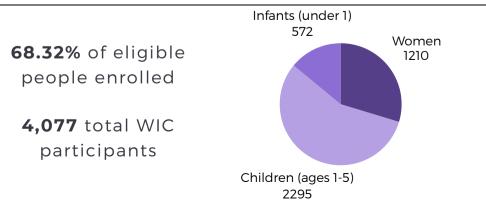
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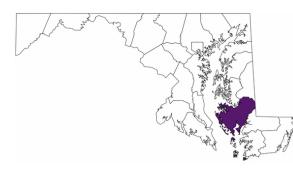
#### 16,075 average participants/month\*

umber presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### ecial Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>\*</sup>



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# **DORCHESTER COUNTY**

Population (2023)	
32,612	
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#### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
4,634	4,154	89.64%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### 13, 14, 15 Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	405,515	2,283
School Lunch	494,051	2,937
Summer Meals*	23,927	1,051

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
12	DISTRICTWIDE	

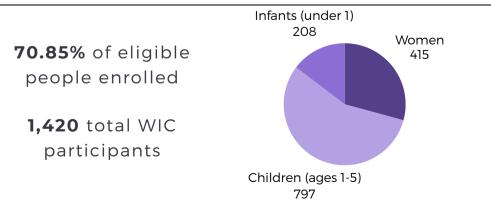
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 7,550 average participants/month\*

nis number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>\*</sup>



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Seniors

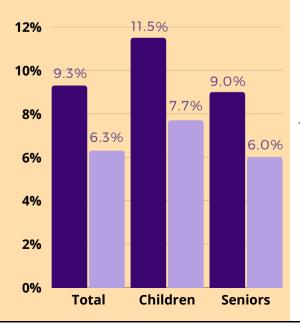
Children



# FREDERICK COUNTY

Population (2023)		
Total:	280,341	
Children (under 18):	65,575	
Seniors (over 65):	42,039	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$120,458		
Percent of the Population		

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total EnrollmentFree and Reduced-Price*Meals Enrollment		Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
47,897	16,457	34.36%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,523,747	8,433
School Lunch	2,596,463	15,430
Summer Meals*	38,015	1,840

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
69	32	1

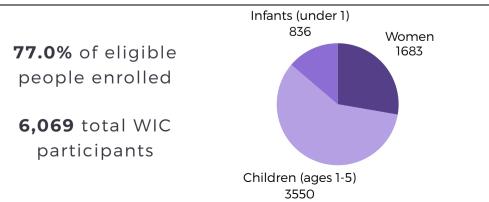
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

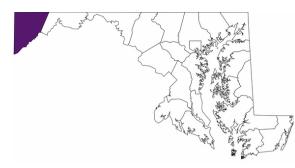
#### 19,157 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



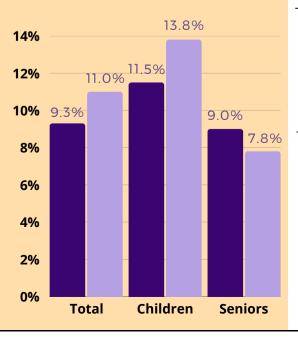
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### **GARRETT COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	28,713	
Children (under 18):	5,143	
Seniors (over 65):	6,790	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$69,031		

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



School	Meal	Programs	

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
3,554	2,023	56.92%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

#### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	284,042	1,678
School Lunch	326,317	1,940
Summer Meals*	256,574	5,614

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
14	13	1

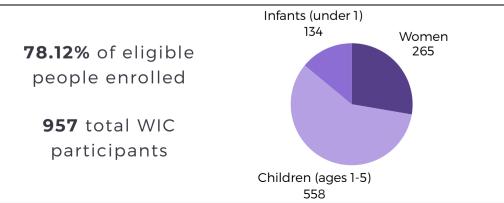
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

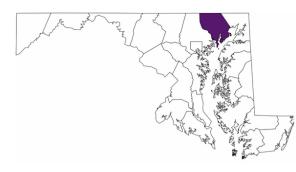
#### 4,087 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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### School Meal Programs Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
37,802	16,544	43.76%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,423,113	7,936
School Lunch	3,258,162	19,379
Summer Meals*	57,707	2,867

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
55	26	15

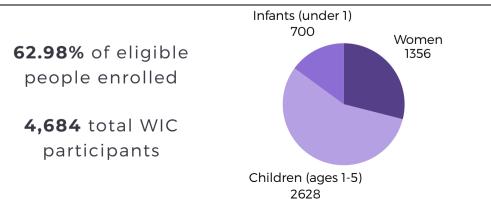
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) $^{^{7}}$

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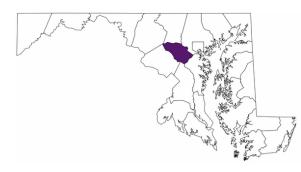
#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>\*</sup>



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Seniors

Children



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# **HOWARD COUNTY**

Total: <b>333,916</b>	Тс
Children (under 18): <b>80,273</b>	*A
Seniors (over 65): <b>49,360</b>	
Median Household Income (2023)	Sc Sc
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage

School Meal Programs

All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

17.597

57.871

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

30.41%

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,325,494	7,499
School Lunch	3,102,408	18,662
Summer Meals*	83,727	4,571

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
77	32	8

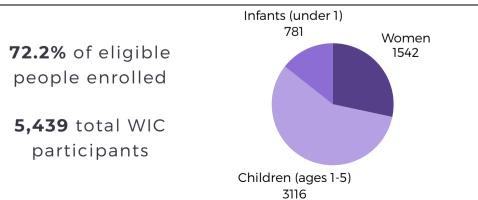
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#### upplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 19,605 average participants/month\*

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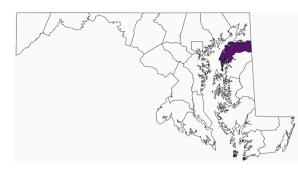
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Seniors

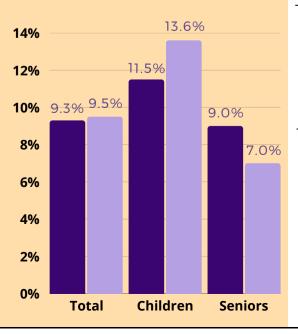
Children



### **KENT COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	19,265	
Children (under 18):	3,013	
Seniors (over 65):	5,178	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$74,402		
Percent of the Population		

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
1,746 1,621		92.84%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	189,936	1,089
School Lunch	186,831	1,121
Summer Meals*	19,890	912

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
5	DISTRICTWIDE	

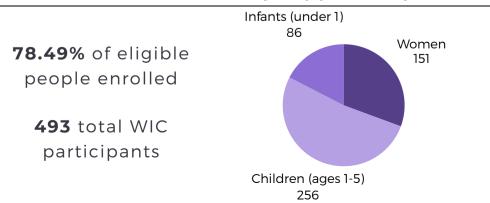
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 2,379 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

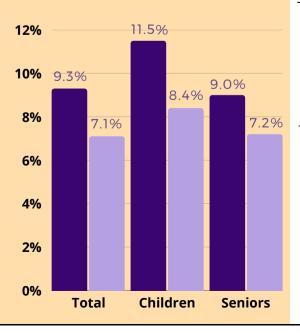
Population (2025)	
Total:	1,057,586
Children (under 18):	242,703
Seniors (over 65):	175,080

Population (2023)

Median Household Income (2023)

\$128,733

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



School	Meal	Programs
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
161,221	69,481	43.10%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	6,008,078	33,723
School Lunch	10,721,426	64,546
Summer Meals*	302,514	16,666

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
215	121	59

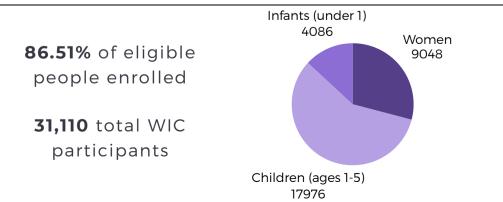
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 69,369 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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Population (2023)

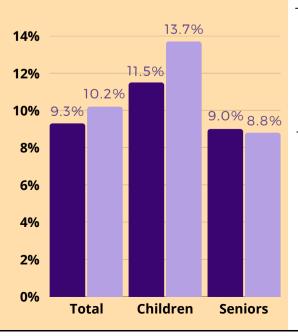
### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Total:	955,584	
Children (under 18):	212,476	
Seniors (over 65):	138,054	

#### Median Household Income (2023)

\$100,708

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



School	Meal	Programs
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment		Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
132,435	92,550	69.88%

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	6,915,635	39,273
School Lunch	11,771,788	71,850
Summer Meals*	253,924	16,549

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
197	187	124

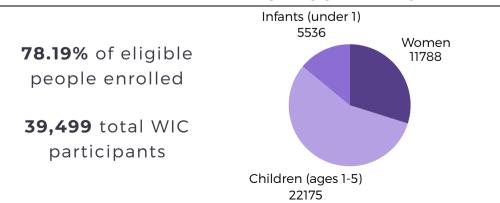
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

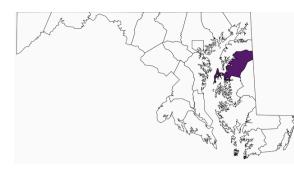
#### 109,023 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



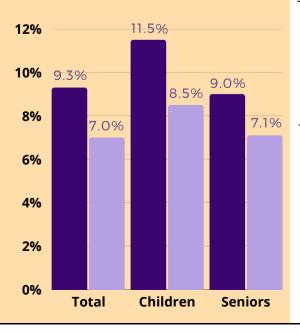
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# **QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

Population (2023)		
Total:	50,951	
Children (under 18):	10,848	
Seniors (over 65):	10,311	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$113,347		

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
7,547	2,775	36.77%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	260,076	1,457
School Lunch	484,999	2,855
Summer Meals*	6,393	379

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
14	9	0

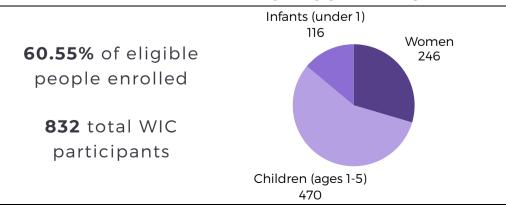
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 3,400 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



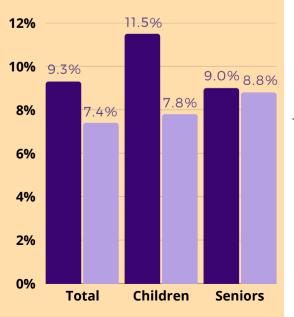
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# ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Population (2023)		
Total:	114,372	
Children (under 18):	27,499	
Seniors (over 65):	15,711	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$114,580		
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level		

(2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
17,284	7,036	40.71%
17,284	7,036	

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	809,808	4,458
School Lunch	1,221,921	1,853
Summer Meals*	220,385	6,550

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
27	18	3

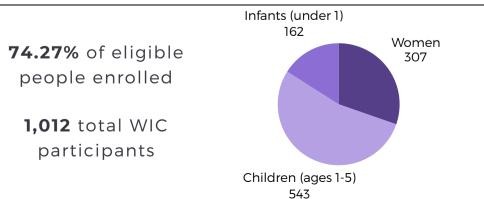
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

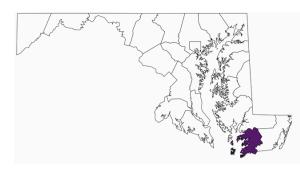
#### 12,216 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>

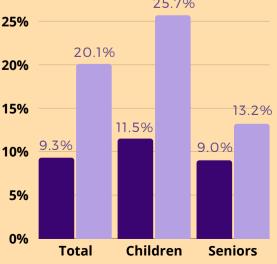


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## SOMERSET COUNTY

Population (2023)	
Total:	24,685
Children (under 18):	4,311
Seniors (over 65):	4,278
Median Household Income (2023) \$52,462	
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)	
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total EnrollmentFree and Reduced-Price*Free and Reduced-Meals EnrollmentPrice* Percentage		
2,894	2,894	100%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	324,790	1,885
School Lunch	306,129	7,385
Summer Meals*	18,753	872

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
9	DISTRICTWIDE	

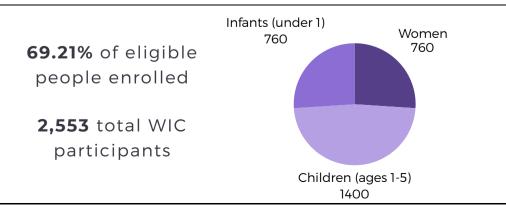
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

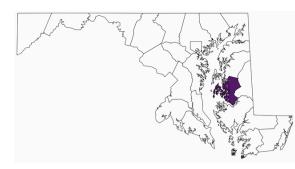
#### 5,975 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# **TALBOT COUNTY**

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#### School Meal Programs

Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price*Free and Reduced-Meals EnrollmentPrice* Percentage	
4,530	2,650	58.50%

All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	335,987	1,843
School Lunch	381,255	2,227
Summer Meals*	12,811	775

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
9	7	0

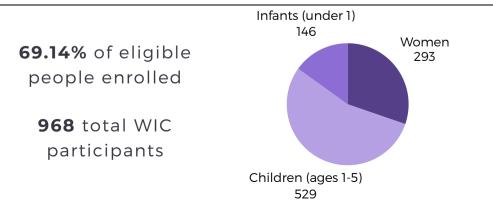
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) $^{7}$

#### 4,175 average participants/month\*

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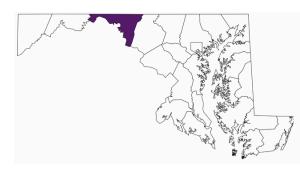
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Seniors

Children



# WASHINGTON COUNTY

Population (2023)		
Total:	155,033	
Children (under 18): <b>33,904</b>		
Seniors (over 65):	27,598	
Median Household Income (2023)		
\$74	4,157	
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)		
20%	16.1%	
12.5%	1.5%	
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14,177	63.97%	
r	Meals Enrollment	

**School Meal Programs** 

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,537,060	8,519
School Lunch	1,785,348	10,572
Summer Meals*	113,923	4,842

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
44	40	13

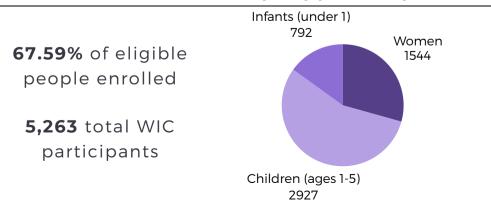
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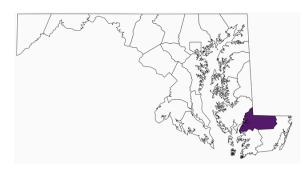
#### 24,020 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# WICOMICO COUNTY

Population (2023)		
Total:	1	104,117
Children (under 18		23,435
Seniors (over 65)	):	16,868
Median I	Household (2023)	Income
	\$72,861	ſ
Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)		
20%		
<b>15%</b>	14.6	5%
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Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
15,122	12,441	82.27%

**School Meal Programs** 

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	1,086,315	6,244
School Lunch	1,604,172	9,324
Summer Meals*	38,163	2,723

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
26	DISTRICTWIDE	

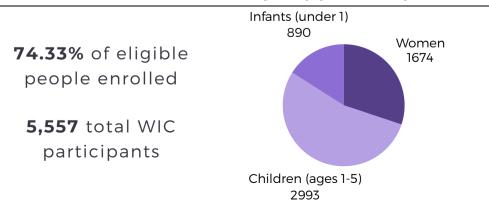
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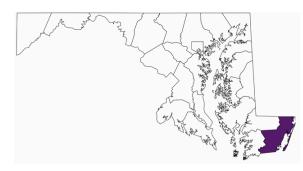
#### 21,609 average participants/month\*

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#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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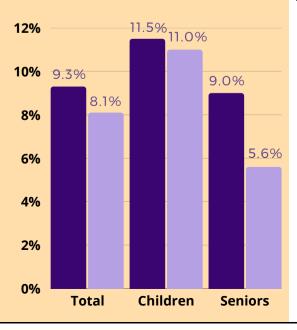
### WORCESTER COUNTY

Population (2023)		
Total:	53,279	
Children (under 18):	9,206	
Seniors (over 65): 15,019		
Median Household Income		

(2023)

\$81,455

#### Percent of the Population Living Below Poverty Level (2023)



Student Enrollment (SY 2023-2024) <sup>8</sup>		
Total Enrollment	Free and Reduced-Price* Meals Enrollment	Free and Reduced- Price* Percentage
6,875	4,297	62.50%

School Meal Programs

\*All MD students enrolled to receive reduced-price meals receive meals for free.

### Meal Participation (SY 2023-2024)<sup>13, 14, 15</sup>

Program	Total Meals Served	Average Daily Participation
School Breakfast	484,186	2,684
School Lunch	544,078	3,174
Summer Meals*	20,545	1,221

\*Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (SY 2023-2024)<sup>8</sup>

Total # of Schools	# of CEP Eligible Schools	# of School Participating in CEP
13	13	9

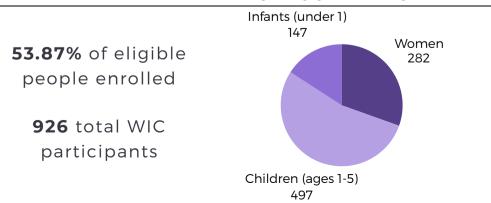
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#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>7</sup>

#### 6,631 average participants/month\*

\*This number presents an average of monthly participation from July 2023-June 2024.

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (2023 SFY)<sup>9</sup>



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# **Technical Notes**

- SNAP and WIC data are based on SFY data.
- Child nutrition programs enrollment data and Community Eligibility Provision data are based on SY data.
- School districts make their CEP election decisions based on the previous school year's direct certification data. Both the participating CEP school and CEP eligible school figures in this report reflect 2023-2024 SY data.
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