Advocates for Children and Youth believes that Maryland’s children are the greatest gift it can give to the future. Our mission is to build a strong Maryland by advancing policies and programs that ensure children of every race, ethnicity, and place of birth achieve their full potential.

We gather and analyze data to understand the systemic barriers that our children and youth face. We work with and learn from individuals struggling with these barriers, to better understand how policies are impacting them. And we see how issues interconnect and intersect to give children a foundation to thrive – or to block children from reaching their potential. Our County Data Sheets show how our children are faring by looking at more than 16 indicators across systems and issue areas, including Birth to Three, Child Welfare, Economic Sufficiency, Education, Health and Youth Justice. While the data shows some improvements, it also underscores how systemic inequalities are impacting our children. We see systems creating worsening racial equity gaps with Black and Brown children more likely to experience higher arrest, school suspension and infant mortality rates than White children.

Our advocacy will reflect this reality as we introduce and support programs as well as policies that ensure that every young person in the State has equitable access to resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

This is our mission and our focus: Equity for All Kids.

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Here is a little information about who we are and why we matter:
We are the only statewide child advocacy organization that works to effectively address multiple interconnecting and intersecting issues through a racial equity lens.
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Fair, unbiased treatment

**POVERTY**
Healthy kids, families, communities

**EDUCATION**
Academically prepared youth

School suspension population

- 0.0% Asian
- 10.1% Black or African-American
- 2.3% Hispanic or Latino
- 78.1% White

5x more

- Arrest rates: Black youth are arrested 5 times more than White youth

Poverty rate

- 29.6% of Allegany County’s population are children and youth*

- 12,321 child population
- 8,659 youth population
- 70,975 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

Poverty decreases over a 5-year period

- That’s 2,557 children living in poverty or 1:5 children

- 21.3%

- $14.3 million

- Allegany County has the highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

- The State underfunded Allegany County schools by $14.3 million

- 89.3%

- Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

- 14%

- 5x more

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

- That’s 2,557 children living in poverty or 1:5 children

- Each student in Allegany County lost out on $1,743 in critical State funding

- 87.1%

- Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2016-2017)

- 88.7%

- 90.4%

- 4% Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2016-2017)

- 9.9%

- 6.8%

- 4.7% Suspension rate (2017-2018)

- 5.3%

- 4.9%

- 47.0% Ready for Kindergarten**

- 3.0%

- 3.0%

- 21,417 Youth arrests

- 375

- 375

- 352.7 Youth arrest rate per 10K

- 633.8

- 644.4

- 2.8 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)

- 6.0

- 5.2

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Infant mortality
Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

Poverty rate
Anne Arundel County has the 8th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)
The State underfunded Anne Arundel County schools by $78.9 million

Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 4 times more than White youth

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**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**

- **$342.2 million**
  - The State underfunded Baltimore City schools by $342.2 million
  - 3rd highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

**Educational outcomes**

- **78.7%**
  - Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

- **26.1%**
  - That’s 31,447 children living in poverty or 1:4 children
  - 3rd highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

- **0.0%**
  - Asian
  - 2.1% Black or African-American
  - 3.5% Hispanic or Latino
  - 3.7% White

**Economic sufficiency**

- **331,092**
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
  - 100,148 in Baltimore City in 2018
  - 95,963 in Baltimore City in 2019

**Health**

- **3.7%**
  - Uninsured children

**Youth justice**

- **21,417**
  - Youth arrests
  - 2,138 in Baltimore City in 2018
  - 2,447 in Baltimore City in 2019

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**Maryland 2019**

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**School suspension population**

- **0.0%**
  - Asian
  - **92.1%** Black or African-American
  - **3.5%** Hispanic or Latino
  - **3.7%** White

**Infant mortality**

- **3x greater**
  - Black infant mortality is 3 times greater than White infant mortality

**Arrest rates**

- **5x more**
  - Black youth are arrested 5 times more than White youth

**Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)**

- **30.0%**
  - of Baltimore City’s population are children and youth*

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School suspension population
1.3% Asian
66.4% Black or African-American
7.1% Hispanic or Latino
20.0% White

Infant mortality
Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 4 times more than White youth

Poverty rate
Baltimore County has the 12th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That’s 22,854 children living in poverty or 1:8 children

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)
The State underfunded Baltimore County schools by $232.4 million

That’s $2,144 in critical State funding

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

12th highest

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

$232.4 million

30.4% of Baltimore County’s population are children and youth*

178,731 child population
72,574 youth population
828,431 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

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EDUCATION
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MARYLAND 2019

INDICATOR

BIRTH TO THREE

2018

BALTIMORE COUNTY 2019

PROGRESS

6.1

Infant mortality per 1K live births

6.5

6.1

CHILD WELFARE

8.9%

Low birth weight

9.5%

9.5%

UNCHANGED

4,703

Family foster care (children in foster care)

545

570

▼

372

Children aged out of foster care

39

45

–

12.77%

Re-entry after reunification

16.47%

5.88%

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ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

331,092

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

46,454

45,704

▲

EDUCATION

47.0%

Ready for Kindergarten**

–

49.40%

–

4.7%

Suspension rate (2018-2019)

5.8%

6.3%

▼

8.4%

Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

8.2%

7.5%

▲

87.1%

Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

89.0%

89.2%

▲

HEALTH

3.7%

Uninsured children

3.5%

3.4%

▲

YOUTH JUSTICE

21,417

Youth arrests

4,451

4,536

▼

352.7

Youth arrest rate per 1K

553.3

560.2

▼

2.8

Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)

4.0

3.9

▲

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**School suspension population**
- 0.2% Asian
- 27.9% Black or African-American
- 5.7% Hispanic or Latino
- 54.5% White

**Infant mortality**
- Black infant mortality is 5 times greater than White infant mortality
- 6.6% That’s 1,394 children living in poverty or 1:15 children

**Arrest rates**
- Black youth are arrested 2 times more than White youth
- 23% decrease over a 5-year period

**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**
- 3rd lowest
- Schools in Calvert County experienced no gap in resources as the State’s allotment exceeded need

**31.4% of Calvert County’s population are children and youth**
- 21,300 child population
- 7,633 youth population
- 92,003 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

**ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY**
- 331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
  - 3,095
  - 3,202

**EDUCATION**
- 47.0% Ready for Kindergarten**
  - –
  - 44.8% –

- 4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019)
  - 3.1%
  - 3.2%

- 8.4% Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
  - 4.0%
  - 4.5%

- 87.1% Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
  - 94.6%
  - 93.9%

**HEALTH**
- 3.7% Uninsured children
  - 2.7%
  - 2.8%

**YOUTH JUSTICE**
- 21,417 Youth arrests
  - 375
  - 373

- 352.7 Youth arrest rate per 10K
  - 344.6
  - 347.2

- 2.8 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)
  - 2.1
  - 1.8

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**MARYLAND 2019**
- INDICATOR
- CALVERT COUNTY 2019
- PROGRESS

**BIRTH TO THREE**
- 6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births
  - 6.7
  - LNE

- 8.9% Low birth weight
  - 7.8%
  - 5.9%

**CHILD WELFARE**
- 4,703 Family foster care (children in foster care)
  - 51
  - 60

- 372 Children aged out of foster care
  - 7
  - 5

- 12.7% Re-entry after reunification
  - 0.00%
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School suspension population
1.0% Asian
7.9% Black or African-American
6.5% Hispanic or Latino
79.7% White

Increase 4x more
Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 4 times more than White youth

6.1%
That’s 2,197 children living in poverty or 1:17 children

22% decrease over a 5-year period

POVERTY rate
Carroll County has the lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

30.0%
of Carroll County’s population are children and youth*

36,532 child population
14,079 youth population
148,429 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births
8.9% Low birth weight

CHILD WELFARE
4,703 Family foster care (children in foster care)
372 Children aged out of foster care
12.77% Re-entry after reunification

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY
331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

EDUCATION
47.0% Ready for Kindergarten**
4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019)
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YOUTH JUSTICE
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78.9% Black or African-American
4.9% Hispanic or Latino
10.6% White

**Infant mortality**
Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

**Arrest rates**
Black youth are arrested 3 times more than White youth

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**Poverty rate**
Charles County has the 7th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That’s **3,559** children living in poverty or **1:11 children**

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**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**
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27.8% of Dorchester County's population are children and youth*

6,752 child population
2,138 youth population
31,798 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

Dorchester County has the 2nd highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That’s 1,779 children living in poverty or 1:4 children

Each student in Dorchester County lost out on $2,830 in critical State funding

The State underfunded Dorchester County schools by $12.0 million

**School suspension population**

0.2% Asian
66.4% Black or African-American
2.6% Hispanic or Latino
24.1% White

3x more

**Arrest rates**
Black youth are arrested 3 times more than White youth

27.0%

8.9% Low birth weight

6% decrease over a 5-year period

84.6% Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

MARYLAND 2019 INDICATOR DORCHESTEr COUNTY 2019 PROGRESS

BIRTH TO THREE

6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births

LNE 21.2

CHILD WELFARE

8.9% Low birth weight

7.3% 13.0%

4,703 Family foster care (children in foster care)

31 22

372 Children aged out of foster care

1 4 –

12.77% Re-entry after reunification

0.00% 0.00% UNCHANGED

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

4,144 4,160

EDUCATION

47.0% Ready for Kindergarten**

– 40.5% –

4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019)

10.0% 12.2%

8.4% Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

14.1% 15.8%

87.1% Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

83.2% 81.7%

HEALTH

3.7% Uninsured children

4.1% 3.8%

YOUTH JUSTICE

21,417 Youth arrests

328 478

352.7 Youth arrest rate per 1K

1,086.1 1,555.0

2.8 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)

2.9 3.4

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25.8% of Garrett County’s population are children and youth*
5,426 child population
2,108 youth population
29,163 total population
* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

RACIAL DISPARITY
Fair, unbiased treatment

POVERTY
Healthy kids, families, communities

EDUCATION
Academically prepared youth

School suspension population
0.0% Asian
5.4% Black or African-American
2.2% Hispanic or Latino
91.4% White

Poverty rate
Garrett County has the 8th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

8th highest

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)
The State underfunded Garrett County schools by $1.7 million

$ 8th highest

That’s 969 children living in poverty or 1:6 children

18.4%

Reentry after reunification
29.41%

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

331,092 2018
5,426 2019

OUT OF FOSTER CARE

372 2018
2 2019

12.77%

21,417 2018
80 2019

352.7 2018
294.0 2019

2.8 2018
5.2 2019

25.8% 2018
$1.7 million 2019

$ 5,426 2018
$459 2019

96.9% 2018

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### Racial Disparity

- **Fair, unbiased treatment**
- **POVETY**
  - Healthy kids, families, communities
- **EDUCATION**
  - Academically prepared youth

### School suspension population

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### Arrest rates

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### Poverty rate

- **9th lowest**
- Harford County has the 9th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State
- That’s 5,404 children living in poverty or 1:10 children

### Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

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### ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

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### EDUCATION

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### YOUTH JUSTICE

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32.4% of Howard County’s population are children and youth* 
78,743 child population 25,826 youth population 333,116 total population
* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

School suspension population
5.8% Asian
57.5% Black or African-American
12.6% Hispanic or Latina
18.0% White

Infant mortality
Black infant mortality is 3 times greater than White infant mortality

Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 6 times more than White youth

Poverty rate
Howard County has the 2nd lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That’s 4,871 children living in poverty or 1:16 children

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

$ Schools in Howard County experienced no gap in resources as the State’s allotment exceeded need

Each student’s per pupil level in Howard County was exceeded

RACIAL DISPARITY
Fair, unbiased treatment

POVERTY
Healthy kids, families, communities

EDUCATION
Academically prepared youth

321,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation 7,857 8,204

87.1% Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) 92.3% 92.0%

3.7% Uninsured children 2.8% 2.9%

21,417 Youth arrests 1,042 977

352.7 Youth arrest rate per 10K 278.3 258.7

2.8 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index) 4.4 5.5

BIRTH TO THREE

INDICATOR
HOWARD COUNTY
PREVIOUS
2018
2019
PROGRESS
In the table:
- ▼ means poorer than previous year
- ▲ means better than previous year
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ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

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Maryland’s academic investment

School suspension population

Poverty rate

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation 7,857 8,204

EDUCATION

47.0% Ready for Kindergarten** - 56.4% -

4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019) 2.2% 2.3% ▼

8.4% Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) 4.6% 4.8% ▼

87.1% Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) 92.3% 92.0% ▼

HEALTH

3.7% Uninsured children 2.8% 2.9% ▼

YOUTH JUSTICE

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School suspension population

0.0% Asian
33.7% Black or African-American
6.4% Hispanic or Latina
45.3% White

5x more

Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 5 times more than White youth

Poverty rate
That’s 574 children living in poverty or 1:5 children

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

$ The State underfunded Kent County schools by $2.1 million

$ Each student in Kent County lost on $1,107 in critical State funding

12% decrease over a 5-year period

93.1% Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

MARYLAND 2019 INDICATOR KENT COUNTY 2019 PROGRESS

BIRTH TO THREE
6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births LNE LNE UNCHANGED
8.9% Low birth weight 10.4% 6.7% ▲

CHILD WELFARE
4,703 Family foster care (children in foster care) 6 5 ▲
372 Children aged out of foster care 0 0 –
12.77% Re-entry after reunification 0.00% N/A –

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY
331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation 1,456 1,408 ▲

EDUCATION
47.0% Ready for Kindergarten** – 53.3% –
4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019) 9.2% 9.8% ▼
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### Racial Disparity

- **Fair, unbiased treatment**
- **POVERTY**
  - Healthy kids, families, communities
- **EDUCATION**
  - Academically prepared youth

### Montgomery County

- **31.0%** of Montgomery County’s population are children and youth*
- **244,355** child population
- **82,246** youth population
- **1,052,567** total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

**Economic Sufficiency**

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### School suspension population

- **3.7%** Asian
- **46.0%** Black or African-American
- **34.5%** Hispanic or Latino
- **11.6%** White

### Infant mortality

- **8.4%** Black infant mortality is more than White infant mortality

### Arrest rates

- **3x more** Black youth are arrested more than White youth

### Poverty rate

- **5th lowest** Montgomery County has the 5th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

### Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

- The State underfunded Montgomery County schools by **$36.2 million**

### School suspension population

- **3.7%** Asian
- **46.0%** Black or African-American
- **34.5%** Hispanic or Latino
- **11.6%** White

### Infant mortality

- **8.4%** Black infant mortality is 3 times greater than White infant mortality

### Arrest rates

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### Poverty rate

- **5th lowest** That’s **20,168** children living in poverty or 1:12 children

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QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY
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28.8% of Queen Anne’s County population are children and youth* 10,820 child population 3,667 youth population 59,281 total population* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

RACIAL DISPARITY
Fair, unbiased treatment

POVERTY
Healthy kids, families, communities

EDUCATION
Academically prepared youth

School suspension population
0.5% Asian
16.5% Black or African-American
5.5% Hispanic or Latino
68.7% White

 Arrest rates
Black youth are arrested 5 times more than White youth

5x more

Poverty rate
Queen Anne’s County has the 6th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State
6th lowest

That’s 923 children living in poverty or 1:12 children
8.6%

20% decrease over a 5-year period

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)
The State underfunded Queen Anne’s County schools by $8.6 million

Maryland’s academic investment

MARYLAND 2019
INDICATOR
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY 2018
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY 2019
PROGRESS
BIRTH TO THREE
6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births
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10.5
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8.9% Low birth weight
9.3%
9.0%
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CHILD WELFARE
4,703 Family foster care (children in foster care)
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372 Children aged out of foster care
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12.77% Re-entry after reunification
0.00%
N/A –
ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY
331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
1,871
1,869 ▼
EDUCATION
47.0% Ready for Kindergarten**
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57.3% –
4.7% Suspension rate (2018-2019)
2.4%
1.9% ▼
8.4% Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
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N/A –
87.1% Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
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HEALTH
3.7% Uninsured children
3.3%
4.1% ▼
YOUTH JUSTICE
21,417 Youth arrests
105
119 ▼
352.7 Youth arrest rate per 10K
197.4
223.0 ▼
2.8 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)
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School suspension population

- 0.7% Asian
- 49.8% Black or African-American
- 6.1% Hispanic or Latino
- 37.0% White

Infant mortality

- Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

Arrest rates

- 6x more than White youth

Poverty rate

- 10th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

- That’s 2,847 children living in poverty or 1:10 children

- Each student in Saint Mary’s County lost out on $1,140 in critical State funding

Racial Disparity

- Fair, unbiased treatment

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**TALBOT COUNTY**

**RACIAL DISPARITY**
Fair, unbiased treatment

**POVERTY**
Healthy kids, families, communities

**EDUCATION**
Academically prepared youth

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**School suspension population**
- 0.7% Asian
- 36.6% Black or African-American
- 9.7% Hispanic or Latino
- 49.7% White

**Arrest rates**
Black youth are arrested 4 times more than White youth

**Poverty rate**
- 11th highest
- 24.2% of Talbot County’s population are children and youth
- 6,715 child population
- 2,218 youth population
- 36,948 total population

- *Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**
- $11.9 million

**Economic sufficiency**
- 331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
- 2,277 2018
- 2,291 2019

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Equity for All Kids.

**RACIAL DISPARITY**
Fair, unbiased treatment

**POVERTY**
Healthy kids, families, communities

**EDUCATION**
Academically prepared youth

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29.9% of Washington County’s population are children and youth*

32,969 child population
12,212 youth population
150,926 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

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**School suspension population**

- 0.7% Asian
- 32.1% Black or African-American
- 5.9% Hispanic or Latino
- 48.8% White

**Infant mortality**
Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

16.5%

**Arrest rates**
Black youth are arrested 5 times more than White youth

5x more

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**Poverty rate**

Washington County has the 10th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

10th highest

That’s 5,304 children living in poverty or 1:6 children

2x greater

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**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**

The State underfunded Washington County schools by $52.0 million

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**Economic sufficiency**

331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

11,298 11,353

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**Maryland 2019**

**Indicator**

**Washington County**

**Progress**

**Birth to Three**

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**M.A.R.Y.L.A.N.D 2019 Indicator**

**WASHInGTOn COUnTy**

2018 2019 Progress

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36.9% of Wicomico County’s population are children and youth*

22,716 child population
18,351 youth population
103,115 total population

* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

WICOMICO COUNTY
13% decrease over a 5-year period

Poverty rate

Wicomico County has the 5th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That’s 4,484 children living in poverty or 1:5 children

5x greater

Infant mortality

Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

20.1%

Suspension rate (2018-2019)

8.5%

Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

10.5%

Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

88.6%

87.1%

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Each student in Wicomico County lost out on $46.9 million in critical State funding

$5.75

%

80.9%

Percentage of investment met by the State [underfunded]

$46.9 million

The State underfunded Wicomico County schools by

5th highest

Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)

School suspension population

0.7%

Asian

63.9%

Black or African-American

6.3%

Hispanic or Latino

21.9%

White

2x greater

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**Worcester County**

**Equity for All Kids.**

- **Racial Disparity**: Fair, unbiased treatment
- **Poverty**: Healthy kids, families, communities
- **Education**: Academically prepared youth

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23.8% of Worcester County’s population are children and youth*  
8,903 child population  
3,454 youth population  
51,823 total population  
* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

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**School suspension population**

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2x more arrests: Black youth are arrested 2 times more than White youth.

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**Percentage of investment met by the State (exceeded need)**

115.4%

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**School suspension population**

23.8%

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**Degree of decrease over a 5-year period**

20%

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**Racial Disparity**

Fair, unbiased treatment

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20% decrease over a 5-year period

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