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.
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**ALLEGANY COUNTY**
Equity for All Kids.

29.5%
of Allegany County’s population are children and youth*

12,165 child population
8,603 youth population
70,416 total population

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

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**ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY**

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**School suspension population**

0.5% Asian
25.3% Black or African-American
11.1% Hispanic or Latino
47.9% White

**Arrest rates**
Black youth are arrested 2 times more than White youth

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**Poverty rate**

Caroline County has the 6th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

19.6% of children living in poverty or 1.97 children

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

The State underfunded Caroline County schools by $17.4 million

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**Poverty**

31.0% of Caroline County’s population are children and youth*

7,875 child population
2,493 youth population
33,406 total population

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

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**Economic Sufficiency**

331,092

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

2,958

2,839

**Education**

47.0% Ready for Kindergarten
44.9% 55.0% –

**** Suspension rate (2018-2019)
4.3% 2.0% 2.0%

** Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
8.0% 8.0% 8.0%

** Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
88.7% 88.7% 88.7%

**Health**

3.2% Uninsured children
4.5% 4.0% ▲

**Youth Justice**

18,577 Youth arrests
251 241 ▲

307.0 Youth arrest rate per 10K
685.6 649.4 ▲

2.7 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)
2.4 2.2 ▲

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**Garrett County**
25.4% of Garrett County’s population are children and youth*
5,329 child population
2,034 youth population
29,014 total population
*Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24.

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

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

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**School Suspension Population**
0.0% Asian
5.4% Black or African-American
2.2% Hispanic or Latino
91.4% White
12x more Black youth are arrested 12 times more than White youth

**Arrest Rates**
That’s 911 children living in poverty or 1.6 children

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**Economic Sufficiency**
331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
2,023 2,002

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**Race/Ethnicity**
0.0%
5.4%
2.2%
91.4%
Asian
Black or African-American
Hispanic or Latino
White

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**Educational Outcomes**

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**Economic Sufficiency**
331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
2,023 2,002

**Education**
47.0% Ready for Kindergarten
54.9% 53.0% ▼
** Suspension rate (2018-2019) | 1.6% | ▲ |
** Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) | 7.6% | ▲ |
** Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) | 89.9% | ▲ |

**Health**
3.2% Uninsured children
3.9% 4.1% ▼

**Youth Justice**
18,577 Youth arrests
118 120 ▼
307.0 Youth arrest rate per 1K
440.3 454.2 ▼
2.7 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)
9.4 11.8 ▼

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**30.2%**

of Harford County’s population are children and youth*  
56,405 child population  
20,575 youth population  
255,441 total population

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

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School suspension population

1.1% Asian  
42.2% Black or African-American  
7.5% Hispanic or Latina  
40.6% White

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Poverty rate

7th lowest

Harford County has the 7th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

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

$52.4 million

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Infant mortality

Black infant mortality is 2 times greater than White infant mortality

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That’s 4,928 children living in poverty or 1:11 children

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Arrest rates

Black youth are arrested 6 times more than White youth

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$89.7% decrease over a 5-year period

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Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

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**School suspension population**
- 0.0% Asian
- 33.7% Black or African-American
- 6.4% Hispanic or Latino
- 45.3% White

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

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**Poverty rate**
- 26.9% of Kent County’s population are children and youth*
- 2,999 child population
- 2,232 youth population
- 19,422 total population
* Children ages 0-17, youth ages 18-24

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**Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)**
- The State underfunded Kent County schools by $2.1 million
- $7th highest
- Kent County has the 7th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State
- That’s 531 children living in poverty or 1.6 children
- 13% decrease over a 5-year period
- 93.1% Percentage of investment met by the State [underfunded]

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**Maryland 2020**
**INDICATOR**
**KENT COUNTY 2020**
**PROGRESS**

**BIRTH TO THREE**
- 6.1 Infant mortality per 1K live births
- LNE
- LNE
- UNCHANGED
- 8.9% Low birth weight
- 6.7%
- 10.7% •

**CHILD WELFARE**
- 4,522 Family foster care (children in foster care)
- 5
- 6
- •
- 336 Children aged out of foster care
- 0
- 0
- –
- 15.5% Re-entry after reunification
- N/A
- 0.0%
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**ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY**
- 331,092 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
- 1,456
- 1,408
- ▲

**EDUCATION**
- 47.0% Ready for Kindergarten
- 53.3%
- 54.0%
- ▲
- ** Suspension rate (2018-2019)
- 9.8%
- **
- ** Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
- N/A
- **
- ** Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
- 93.5%
- **

**HEALTH**
- 3.2% Uninsured children
- 5.7%
- 4.9%
- ▲

**YOUTH JUSTICE**
- 18,577 Youth arrests
- 50
- 101
- •
- 307.0 Youth arrest rate per 1K
- 347.5
- 697.0
- •
- 2.7 Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)
- 4.7
- 4.7
- UNCHANGED

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- **Academically prepared youth**

#### Sales suspension population
- **0.7%** Asian
- **49.8%** Black or African-American
- **6.1%** Hispanic or Latino
- **37.0%** White

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

#### Poverty rate
- **10th lowest**
  - Saint Mary’s County has the 10th lowest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

#### Maryland’s academic investment (2016-17 school year)
- **$19.5 million**
  - The State underfunded Saint Mary’s County schools by $19.5 million

#### That’s 2,832 children living in poverty at 1:10 children
- **$**

#### 15% decrease over a 5-year period
- **91.7%**
  - Percentage of investment met by the State (underfunded)

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| **Child Welfare** | | | |
| Family foster care (children in foster care) | 50 | 55 | ▼ |
| Children aged out of foster care | 4 | 2 | – |
| Re-entry after reunification | 0.0% | 0.0% | UNCHANGED |

| **Economic Sufficiency** | | | |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation | 5,897 | 5,704 | ▲ |

| **Education** | | | |
| Ready for Kindergarten | 42.4% | 45.0% | ▲ |
| Suspension rate (2018-2019) | 4.1% | ** | |
| Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) | 3.2% | ** | |
| Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018) | 94.5% | ** | |

| **Health** | | | |
| Uninsured children | 3.7% | 3.6% | ▲ |

| **Youth Justice** | | | |
| Youth arrests | 524 | 521 | ▲ |
| Youth arrest rate per 1K | 415.7 | 416.1 | ▼ |
| Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index) | 5.8 | 4.2 | ▲ |

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### Poverty Rate

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### School Suspension Population

- **9x more**
  - Black youth are arrested **9 times more** than White youth

### Poverty Rate

- **32.7%**
  - That’s **1,372 children living in poverty or 1.3 children**

### Maryland’s Academic Investment (2016-17 School Year)

- **$8.2 million**
  - The State underfunded Somerset County schools by **$8.2 million**

### Maryland’s Academic Investment

- **$59.9 million**
  - That’s **3.2%**

**Economic Sufficiency**

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**Education**

- **47.0%**
  - Ready for Kindergarten

**Youth Justice**

- **18,577**
  - Youth arrests

**Uninsured Children**

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  - That’s **1,372 children living in poverty or 1.3 children**

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School suspension population

- 0.7% Asian
- 36.6% Black or African-American
- 9.7% Hispanic or Latino
- 49.7% White

3x more

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

Poverty rate

Talbot County has the 12th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

That's 872 children living in poverty or 1.8 children

27% decrease over a 5-year period

24.2%
of Talbot County’s population are children and youth*

6,747 child population
2,248 youth population
37,181 total population

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

2019
2020
TALBOTH COUNTY

2019
2020
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MARYLAND
2020
INDICATOR
PROGRESS

BIRTH TO THREE

- Infant mortality per 1K live births
- Low birth weight

CHILD WELFARE

- Family foster care (children in foster care)
- Children aged out of foster care
- Re-entry after reunification

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation

EDUCATION

- Ready for Kindergarten
- Suspension rate (2018-2019)
- Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
- Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)

HEALTH

- Uninsured children

YOUTH JUSTICE

- Youth arrests
- Youth arrest rate per 1K
- Youth arrest Black/White disparity (Relative Rate Index)

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RACIAL DISPARITY
Fair, unbiased treatment

POVERTY
Healthy kids, families, communities

EDUCATION
Academically prepared youth

School suspension population
- 0.4% Asian
- 47.3% Black or African-American
- 4.9% Hispanic or Latino
- 39.7% White

Arrest rates
- Black youth are arrested 2 times more than White youth

Poverty rate
- 10th highest
- Worcester County has the 10th highest percentage of children living in poverty in the State

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

$ 115.4%
Percentage of investment met by the State (exceeded need)

$ 24%
decrease over 5-year period

15.5%
That’s 1,355 children living in poverty or 1/6 children

2x more

23.7%
of Worcester County’s population are children and youth*

8,909 child population
3,473 youth population
52,276 total population

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

2019
Worcester County
2020
PROGRESS

INDICATOR

BIRTH TO THREE

Infant mortality per 1K live births
LNE
LNE
UNCHANGED

Low birth weight
5.9%
7.9%
▼

CHILD WELFARE

Family foster care (children in foster care)
29
24
▲

Children aged out of foster care
2
2
–

Re-entry after reunification
0.0%
26.6%
▼

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation
2,946
2,983
▼

EDUCATION

Ready for Kindergarten
66.0%
64.0%
▼

Suspension rate (2018-2019)
3.3%
**

Dropout rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
3.9%
**

Graduation rate: 4-year adjusted cohort (2017-2018)
92.5%
**

HEALTH

Uninsured children
4.4%
3.8%
▲

YOUTH JUSTICE

Youth arrests
346
284
▲

Youth arrest rate per 1K
817.8
667.0
▲

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