

Highlights of the 2009 American Community Survey Data for Maryland

Maryland remains one of the more prosperous states in the U.S.

- Median household income of \$69,272 (+/- \$696) is tops in the nation (statistically tied with New Jersey and Alaska) (See [Rank_medhh_income.xls](#))
- Overall poverty rate of 9.1% (+/- 0.3%) is ranked 49th (statistically tied with five other states)(See [Rank_pct_bel_pov.xls](#))
- Childhood poverty rate of 11.6% (+/- 0.8%) is ranked 50th (statistically tied with seven other states)(See [Rank_pct_child_bel_pov.xls](#))
- Elderly poverty rate of 7.9% (+/- 0.6%) is ranked 35th (statistically tied with 24 other states)(See [Rank_pct_elderly_bel_pov.xls](#))

Maryland residents are well educated

- Percent of the population age 25 and over with a Bachelor's degree or higher of 35.7% (+/- 0.4%) is ranked fourth (statistically tied with Colorado and Connecticut) (See [Rank_bachdeg.xls](#))
- Percent of the population age 25 and over with an advanced degree of 16.0% (+/- 0.3%) is ranked third (statistically tied with Connecticut)(See [Rank_advdegree.xls](#))

Maryland residents are actively engaged in the labor force

- Percent of the population ages 16 to 64 who are employed, 71.6% (+/- 0.4%) is ranked 11th (statistically tied with Connecticut)(See [Rank_pct_empl.xls](#))
- The percent of married couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force (61.5%, +/-0.6%) is ranked eighth (statistically tied with eight other states)(See [Rank_mcfam_husb_wif_lf.xls](#))

Maryland residents are more likely to have health insurance

- 11.1 percent (+/- 0.3%) of the civilian non-institutional population lacks health insurance, ranked 38th(statistically tied with three other states)(See [Rank_health_ins.xls](#))

Maryland workers have one of the longest commute times to work, are more likely to use mass transit, and are more likely to work outside their county of residence

- The average commute time for a Maryland worker is 31.3 minutes (+/- 0.3 minutes) ranked second (statistically tied with New York)(See [Rank_mean_travel.xls](#))
- 8.8 percent (+/- 0.3%) of Maryland workers use transit to get to work, ranked fifth (tied with Illinois)(See [Rank_transit.xls](#))
- Nearly one half (46.6%, +/- 0.5%) of Maryland workers work outside their county of residence, ranked second (after Virginia)(See [Rank_outside_co.xls](#))

Maryland housing and rental costs are relatively expensive

- The percent of mortgage owners spending 30 percent or more of their household income for housing costs (38.5%, +/- 0.7%) is ranked 15th (statistically tied with three other states)(See [Rank_30pctinc_mort.xls](#))
- The percent of renters paying 30 percent or more of their household income on rent, 49.2% (+/- 1.1%), is ranked 10th, (statistically tied with 10 other states)(See [Rank_30pct_rent.xls](#))

Maryland attracts residents from all over the world

- Foreign-born residents comprise 12.8 percent (+/-0.2%) of the State's population, ranked 12th (statistically tied with three other states)(See [Rank_forn_brn.xls](#))

Maryland residents are less prone to move

- 13.5 percent (+/- 0.4%), lived in a different house one year ago, ranked 40th (statistically tied with six other states)(See [Rank_diff_house_1yrago.xls](#))