

## poverty trends

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- An estimated 6.7 percent of Montgomery County’s population, 64,607 residents, lived in poverty in 2009, marking the highest poverty rate in two decades.
- Between 2008 and 2009, 10,000 more residents were living in poverty, a 19-percent increase
- The 2009 poverty rate in Montgomery County at 6.7 percent is well below Maryland’s 9.2 percent, although Montgomery County’s gains account for 17 percent of the state increase between 2007 and 2009.
- Montgomery County is among 453 counties that had a statistically significant increase in poverty between 2007 and 2009; one out of every seven U.S. Counties experienced an increase in poverty.

### STATE

- In 2009, more than 500,000 people in Maryland lived in poverty, an increase of 60,400 people from previous year.
- The state’s poverty rate increased by one percentage point from 8.2 percent in 2008 to 9.2 in 2009.
- Thirteen percent of Maryland’s poor live in Montgomery County.
- Maryland has the third lowest poverty rate of all states. Virginia at 10.6 percent ranks ninth.

### POVERTY TRENDS

rate	1989	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Montgomery County	4.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.1%	5.6%	6.4%	6.5%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%	5.8%	6.7%
Maryland	9.3%	8.0%	7.9%	7.7%	8.3%	8.8%	9.2%	8.3%	8.0%	8.3%	8.2%	9.2%
United States	12.8%	11.9%	11.3%	11.7%	12.1%	12.5%	12.7%	13.3%	13.0%	13.0%	13.2%	14.3%
person	1989	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Montgomery County	32,917	45,938	45,036	46,101	50,651	58,453	60,179	43,745	44,660	47,063	54,321	64,607
Maryland	441,906	417,207	416,005	408,668	445,430	480,998	506,265	453,850	436,978	455,601	448,788	509,141
United States	31,528,020	32,791,272	31,581,086	32,906,511	34,569,951	35,861,170	37,039,804	38,231,474	38,757,253	38,052,247	39,108,422	42,868,163

### NATION

- Approximately 14.3 percent of the nation’s population live in poverty.
- The national poverty estimate increased by 12.7 percent from 2007 to 2009.
- The distribution of county poverty rates vary by region and place of residence: 18.7 percent in the South, 14.6 percent in the West, 13 percent in the Midwest and 11.9 percent in the Northeast.

ANNUAL POVERTY RATE, 1989 - 2009

