

poverty trends

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- The rate of poverty in Montgomery County increased from 6.7 percent in 2009 to 7.5 percent in 2010, totaling 72,259 residents. This is the highest poverty rate in two decades.
- Between 2009 and 2010, the number of residents in poverty increased by 11.8 percent, adding over 7,600 people.
- The increase of Montgomery County residents in poverty since the recession accounts for 24.1 percent of the state's increase.

STATE

- In 2010, about 560,000 people in Maryland lived in poverty, an increase of 50,796 people from the previous year.
- The state's poverty rate increased by less than one percent, from 9.2 percent in 2009 to 9.9 in 2010.

Poverty is on the rise in the suburbs. Montgomery County is part of that trend, with the number of people in poverty in 2010 growing to an estimated 7.5 percent – the highest poverty rate in two decades. The county continues to be a magnet for new residents, many of whom emigrate from other countries. Recent arrivals often fill service and construction jobs, a sector hard hit by the two recessions of the last decade. Yet, that group will be well-positioned to take advantage of economic recovery.

- Thirteen percent of Maryland residents living in poverty reside in Montgomery County.
- Maryland tied Connecticut and New Jersey for the second lowest poverty rate of all states. Virginia is tied for 6th lowest at 11.1 percent.

POVERTY TRENDS

| <i>rate</i> | 1989 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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% | 7.5% |
| Alexandria, VA | 7.3% | 7.9% | 7.5% | 7.2% | 7.8% | 8.8% | 8.3% | 7.7% | 7.2% | 8.3% | 8.0% | 9.1% | 9.3% |
| Arlington, VA | 5.6% | 5.7% | 5.8% | 5.8% | 6.3% | 7.4% | 7.1% | 7.7% | 7.0% | 6.5% | 6.7% | 6.6% | 7.2% |
| Fairfax County, VA | 3.4% | 4.4% | 4.1% | 4.4% | 5.0% | 5.8% | 5.3% | 5.1% | 5.2% | 4.9% | 4.9% | 5.6% | 5.9% |
| Howard County, MD | 2.6% | 3.9% | 3.8% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 4.7% | 4.8% | 3.9% | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.3% | 4.5% | 5.2% |
| Prince George's County, MD | 6.1% | 7.8% | 7.4% | 7.5% | 8.3% | 9.3% | 9.3% | 8.3% | 7.7% | 8.1% | 6.7% | 7.8% | 9.4% |
| Washington, D.C. | 15.0% | 17.3% | 16.3% | 17.5% | 17.2% | 17.5% | 18.3% | 18.3% | 18.1% | 17.1% | 16.9% | 17.6% | 18.8% |
| 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% | 9.9% |
| 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% | 15.3% |

| <i>population</i> | 1989 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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 | 72,259 |
| Alexandria, VA | 8,134 | 10,116 | 9,744 | 9,285 | 10,067 | 11,271 | 11,165 | 10,320 | 9,685 | 11,450 | 11,398 | 13,486 | 12,898 |
| Arlington, VA | 9,563 | 10,597 | 10,907 | 10,867 | 11,773 | 13,587 | 13,740 | 14,781 | 13,726 | 13,005 | 13,735 | 13,988 | 14,903 |
| Fairfax County, VA | 27,880 | 42,240 | 40,947 | 43,201 | 49,894 | 58,224 | 53,554 | 50,621 | 52,353 | 49,339 | 48,966 | 57,573 | 63,915 |
| Howard County, MD | 4,856 | 9,629 | 9,546 | 9,561 | 10,114 | 12,494 | 12,951 | 10,251 | 11,612 | 12,172 | 11,633 | 12,597 | 14,766 |
| Prince George's County, MD | 44,150 | 61,638 | 59,566 | 60,891 | 67,904 | 76,644 | 77,028 | 68,119 | 63,275 | 65,303 | 53,210 | 63,748 | 79,203 |
| Washington, D.C. | 86,780 | 95,123 | 91,435 | 97,584 | 95,179 | 94,560 | 98,309 | 93,799 | 99,671 | 95,441 | 95,232 | 100,489 | 107,279 |
| 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 | 559,937 |
| United States | 31,528,020 | 2,791,272 | 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 | 46,215,956 |

Source: Montgomery County Planning Department analysis of U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE).



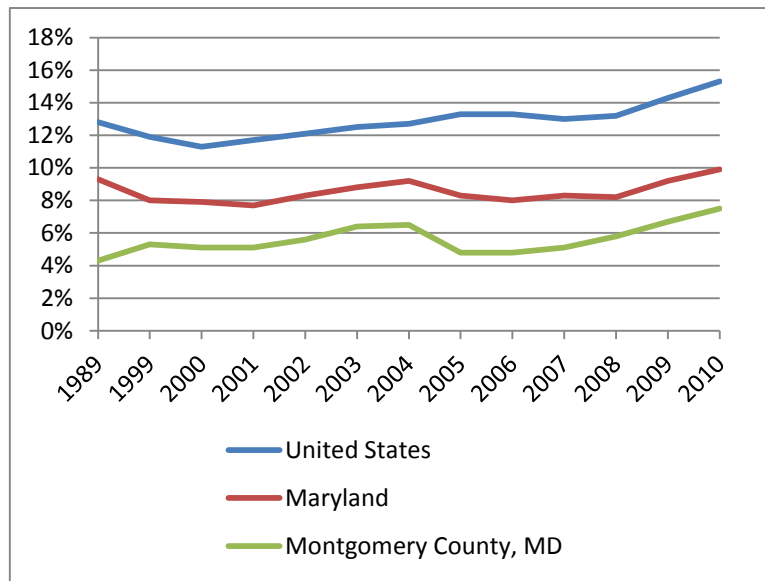
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INDICATORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROGRESS

REGION

- In 2010, 8.7 percent – some 352,000 residents – lived in poverty in the District of Columbia and surrounding large counties. (Fairfax, Montgomery and Prince George's).
- In 2010, Montgomery County contained 20.5 percent of people living in poverty within these jurisdictions. This represents a 5-percent increase over 2005 (15.5%), and a 3.9-point increase over 2007 (16.6%). The County is gaining share of the region's poor population. The quality of the school system, access to transit, and the network of community services all contribute to the county being an attractive place for people of all income levels to live.

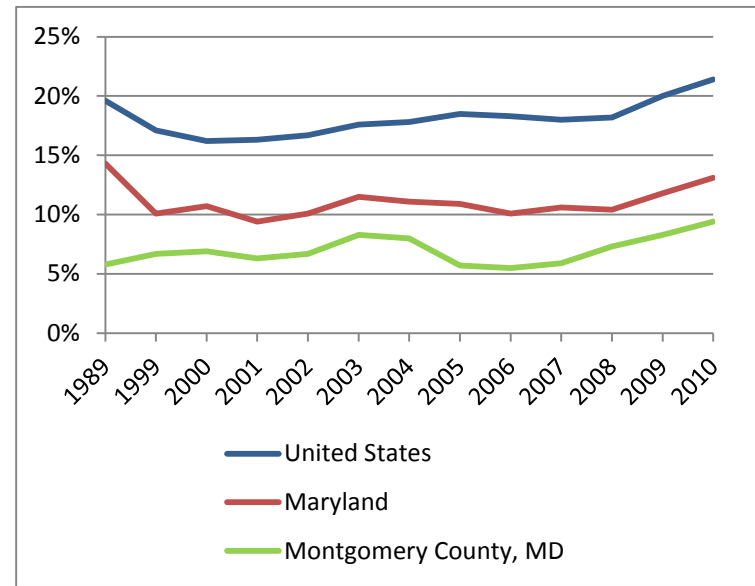
ANNUAL POVERTY RATE, 1989 - 2010



NATION

- About 15.3 percent of the nation's population lived in poverty in 2010.
- The national poverty estimate increased by 2.3 percentage points from 2007 to 2010.
- 23 percent of all counties nationally had significant increases in poverty between 2007 and 2010.

POVERTY RATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18, 1989 - 2010



Montgomery County mirrors state trends in the number of children living poverty, though at a lower rate.