

# MARYLAND

OVERALL SCORE <b>616</b> BETTER	OVERALL RANK <b>19</b>
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<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>	SCORE	RANK
	<b>685</b> BETTER	<b>18</b>

	UNITED STATES			MARYLAND		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 11,117,000   MD 143,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 18,420,000   MD 301,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	24% 2019	22% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 22,385,000   MD 414,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	31% 2019	30% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,218,000   MD 20,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	6% 2024	↓ BETTER

<b>EDUCATION</b>	SCORE	RANK
	<b>438</b> WORSE	<b>20</b>

	UNITED STATES			MARYLAND		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,277,000   MD 81,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	50% 2015-19	55% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   MD N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	65% 2019	66% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   MD N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	67% 2019	75% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> US N.A.   MD N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	13% 2018-19	12% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			MARYLAND		SCORE	RANK
						659 BETTER	22
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 308,966   MD 5,870	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	8.7% 2019	8.9% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,648,000   MD 67,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	3% 2019	5% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 21,189   MD 354	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	24 2019	24 2024	STABLE	
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   MD N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	34% 2018-19	29% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			MARYLAND		SCORE	RANK
						684 BETTER	23
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,472,000   MD 447,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	35% 2019	34% 2024	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,868,000   MD 139,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	10% 2019	10% 2024	STABLE	
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,419,000   MD 48,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	4% 2015-19	3% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 137,273   MD 2,045	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	14 2019	10 2024	↓ BETTER	

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