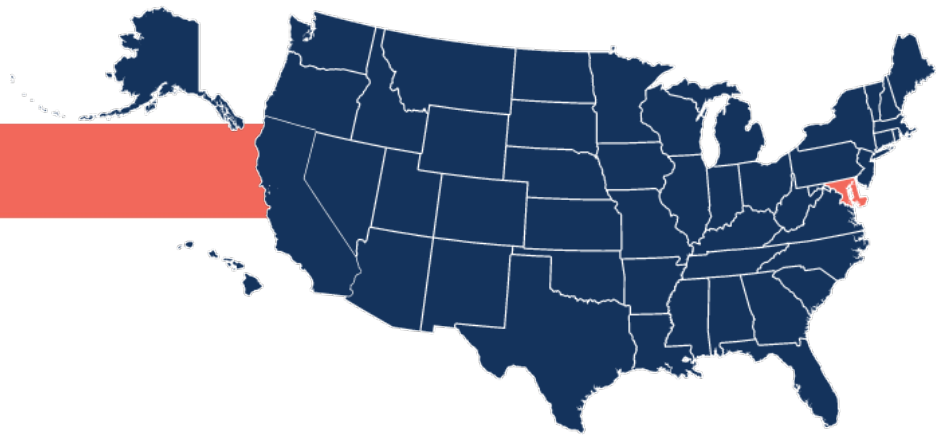


MARYLAND



STATEWIDE

Population: **6,163,981**

Households without a computer: **4.7%**

Households without Internet: **9.4%**

Persons in Poverty: **9.6%**

Broadband Programs

- Through a grant from the State of Maryland's Connected Devices Program, Baltimore City received 30,000 Chromebooks, Distributed them to Low-Income Households (Press Release Baltimore Office of the Mayor)
- Office of Statewide Broadband
- Baltimore Digital Inclusion Strategy (2024-2029)
- Will Maryland be the Tesla or the Solyndra of the BEAD Program? (Blair Levin, Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, April 17, 2023)
- Governor Moore Announces Nearly \$92 Million Awarded to Expand Broadband Access in Maryland (Press Release State of Maryland, April 5, 2023)
- Gov. Hogan Launches Connect Maryland Broadband Initiative (Julia Edinger, Government Technology, Aug. 2021)
- Maryland broadband chief: Broadband providers won't get BEAD money until 2025 (Masha Abarinova, Fierce Telecom, July 10, 2023)

Community Perspectives

- **Westminster** | Westminster Fiber Network in Maryland Sets Growth Path (Robert Wack, Broadband Communities Magazine, June 2, 2023)
- **Worcester** | Worcester Commissioners focused on budget, broadband in '22 (Jack Chavez, Ocean City Today, Jan. 2022)
- **Montgomery County** | Montgomery County needs affordable broadband, not 5G cell towers, to bridge the digital divide (Theodora Scarato, The Sentinel, July 2021)
- **Baltimore** | Achieving Digital Equity in Baltimore (Mary Miller and Mac McComas, Johns Hopkins University, Jan. 2021)
- Digital Equity and Justice in Maryland: Challenges and Opportunities (Colin Rhinesmith, Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, Nov. 2, 2023)
- Maryland Awards \$92 Million In Grants For 35 Projects (Karl Bode, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, April 27, 2023)
- Maryland is putting \$300M in COVID-19 relief funds toward broadband and digital inclusion (Stephen Babcock & Donte Kirby, Technically, April 2021)

BALTIMORE CITY

Population: **569,931**

Households without a computer: **8.8%**

Households without Internet: **19%**

Persons in Poverty: **19.6%**

HAGERSTOWN CITY

Population: **43,701**

Households without a computer: **8.8%**

Households without Internet: **16.6%**

Persons in Poverty: **22.9%**

WESTMINSTER CITY

Population: **20,393**

Households without a computer: **11.5%**

Households without Internet: **17.4%**

Persons in Poverty: **12.2%**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Population: **1,052,521**

Households without a computer: **2.3%**

Households without Internet: **5.3%**

Persons in Poverty: **7.9%**

OCEAN CITY TOWN

Population: **6,915**

Households without a computer: **5%**

Households without Internet: **9.6%**

Persons in Poverty: **8.8%**

Data from US Census Bureau. Population estimates from July 1, 2022. Computer and Internet Use and Poverty data from American Community Survey (ACS), 5-Year Estimates (2022).



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