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MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD IN JULY 2022 JURISDICTIONAL SNAPSHOTS

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This document presents individual snapshots of child support cases for the state and each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions as of July 2022. These snapshots provide insights into the current and past-due support that was owed and paid in each jurisdiction. Additionally, they highlight the amounts owed and paid to custodians and to the state. These findings replicate those found in a recent report— <u>Maryland's Child Support Caseload: Trends</u> <u>Among Cases, 2016 to 2022</u>.

KEY FINDINGS

Caseloads in two jurisdictions surpassed the decline seen at the state level.

The statewide caseload declined by 20% from July 2016 to July 2022. Only two jurisdictions had larger declines, with a 35% caseload decrease in Baltimore City and a 21% decrease in Calvert County. Washington County had the smallest decline, at 3%.

In all jurisdictions, most current support was owed solely to custodians.

The percentage of cases with current support due solely to custodians ranged from 97% in Prince George's County to 77% in Somerset County. In all jurisdictions, less than 15% of cases had current support owed only to the state. Each jurisdiction also had cases with support owed to both the custodian and state.

Similarly, most past-due support (arrears) was owed solely to custodians.

This finding is consistent across the state, from a high of 88% in both Charles County and Prince George's County to a low of 56% in Somerset County. In all jurisdictions, less than 20% of cases had arrears owed only to the state. Arrears owed to both the custodian and the state ranged from 32% of cases in St. Mary's County to 7% in Charles County. In each jurisdiction, more than 8 in 10 cases received current support payments, with custodian-owed current support more likely to be paid compared to state-owed support.

The percentage of cases with current support payments to custodians ranged from 99% in Talbot County to 83% in Baltimore City, Cecil County, and Washington County. In all 24 jurisdictions, custodians received at least two thirds of the annual obligation, with amounts varying from \$5,938 in Howard County to \$2,356 in Wicomico County.

Current support payments to the state were less common, ranging from 76% of cases in Talbot County to 29% in Prince George's County. In most jurisdictions, between one and two thirds of the state obligation was paid, and payments were between \$2,072 in Baltimore County and \$170 in Prince George's County.

In each jurisdiction, at least two in every three cases received arrears payments. Similar to current support, custodian-owed arrears were more likely to be paid compared to state-owed arrears.

The percentage of cases with arrears payments to custodians varied from 82% in Calvert County to 61% in Somerset County. Most arrears payments were under a median of \$1,000.

Arrears payments to the state were less common. In 22 jurisdictions, about half of cases or less received arrears payment during the year but was highest in Allegany County (68%) and Talbot County (65%). Median annual arrears payments were typically about \$700 or less in most jurisdictions.

KEY TERMS

Case Characteristics

The case characteristics section provides information about the caseload size in July 2022 and its size relative to July 2016.

Current Support

Current support represents the court-ordered monthly obligation that a parent is expected to pay to financially support their children who do not reside with them.

The current support section examines all current support obligations and payments in the prior year between July 2021 and June 2022. A case may have support owed to a custodian, the state, or both. The section delves into current support from three perspectives:

- Custodian refers to cases with any current support due or paid to custodians.
- State refers to cases with any current support due or paid to the state. Support is due to the state for reimbursement of cash assistance benefits or foster care services provided to custodial families.
- All Cases encompass the total amount of current support due or paid regardless of whether the recipient is the custodian, the state, or both.

Past-due Support

Past-due support represents the amount of any unpaid current support. It is also referred to as arrears.

The past-due support section examines arrears that were owed in the prior year between July 2021 and June 2022. For analysis purposes, the highest arrears balance recorded during that year is utilized. The section examines arrears from three perspectives:

- Custodian refers to cases with any arrears owed or paid to custodians.
- State refers to cases with any arrears owed or paid to the state.
- All Cases encompass the total arrears balance and payments, regardless of whether the recipient is the custodian, the state, or both.

Median and Average Values

Median values are used to describe arrears balances and payments since there are some cases with very high balances. The median is less sensitive to such outliers as it represents the middle value when the data is sorted and is relatively stable even with outliers. Current support lacks comparable outliers, and thus, average values are used when discussing current support.

SAMPLE & DATA SOURCES

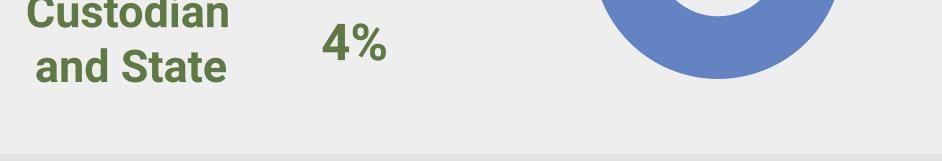
The data presented in this report are derived from statistically valid samples of each jurisdiction's child support caseload in July 2022, achieved through a stratified random sampling method. In July 2022, there were a total of 160,413 active child support cases, of which 7,931 were sampled for inclusion in this report. For a more information on the sampling process, please refer to the Sample & Data Sources section in the <u>main report</u>.

Data were obtained from two administrative data systems maintained by the State of Maryland. These include the Child Support Management System (CSMS) and its predecessor, the Child Support Enforcement System (CSES). These systems support the intake, establishment, location, and enforcement functions of the Child Support Administration (CSA).

Maryland Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics	
160,413 Cases in July 2022	20% decrease from July 2016
Current Support	Past-Due Support
63% of cases were owed current support between July 2021 and June 2022	67% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022
Most support was owed to custodians.	Most debt was owed to custodians.
Custodian 91%	Custodian 75%
State 5%	State 8%

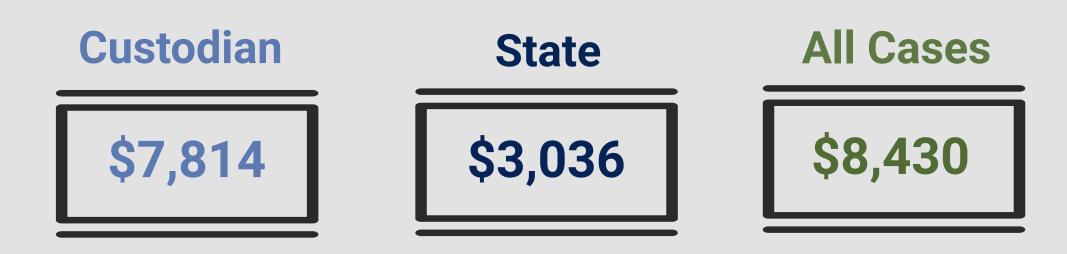


Average Amount Owed per Case



Custodian and State 17%

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

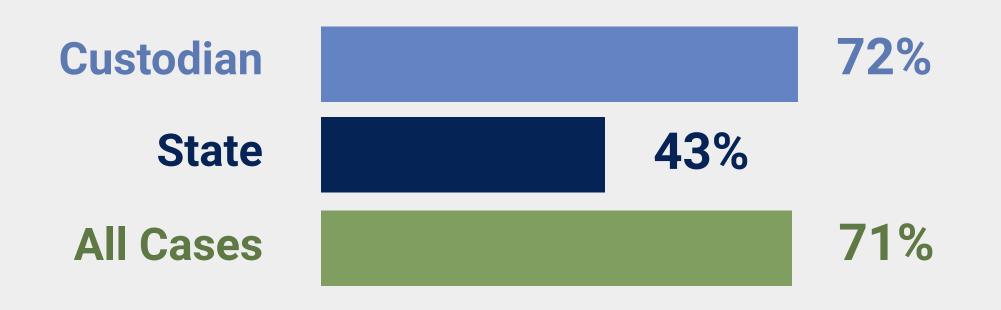
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 160,413 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 7,931 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Allegany County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

2,315 Cases in July 2022



19% decrease from July 2016



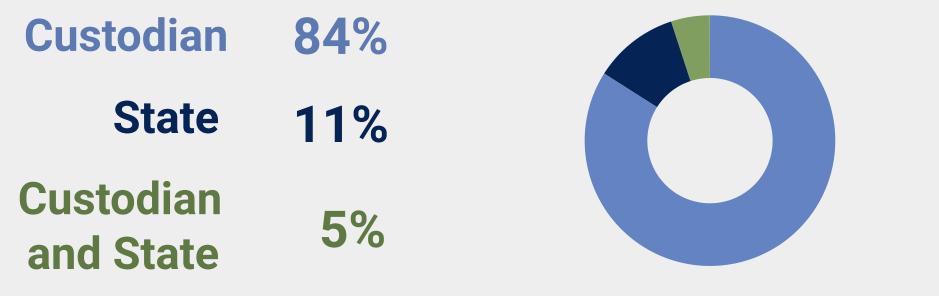


Current Support

of cases were owed current support 69% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian

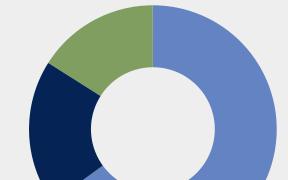


Past-Due Support

71% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 65% 19% State



Average Amount Owed per Case



Custodian 16% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 2,315 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 330 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Anne Arundel County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

12,015 Cases in July 2022



10% decrease from July 2016

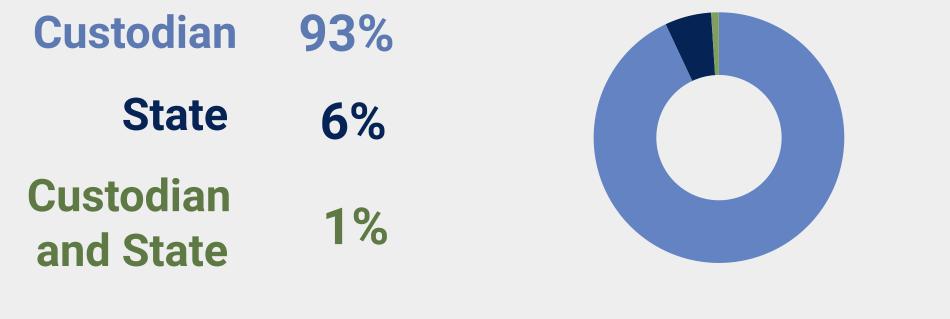




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 65% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.



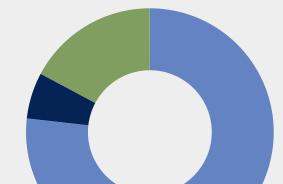
Past-Due Support

66% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 76% 6%

State

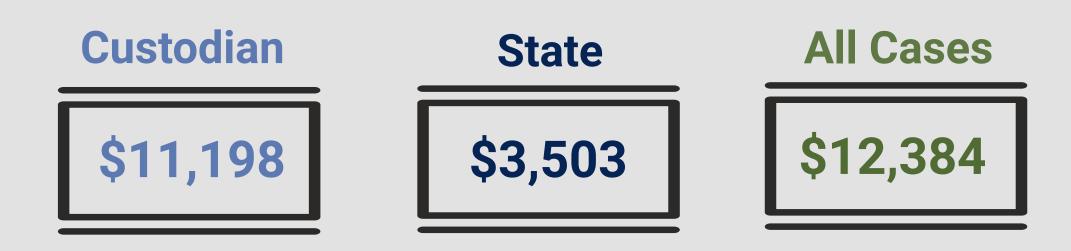


Average Amount Owed per Case

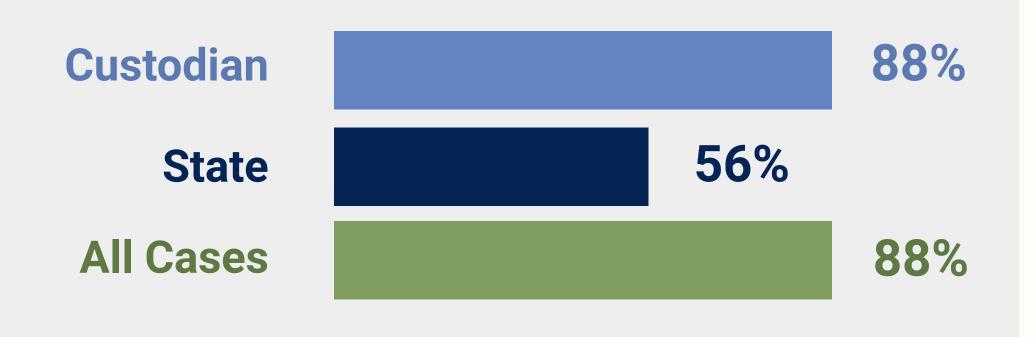


Custodian 17% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



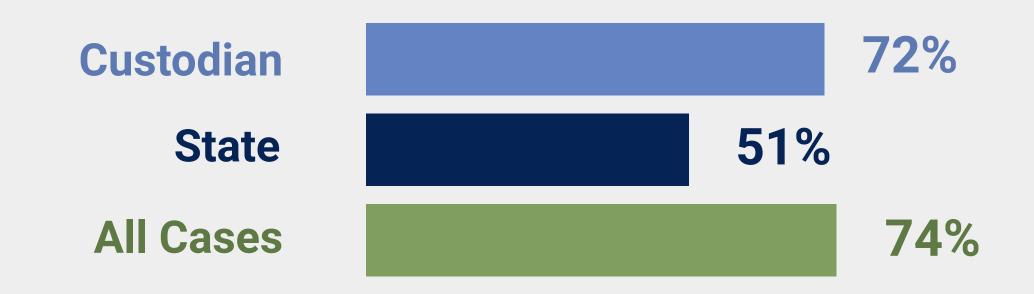
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

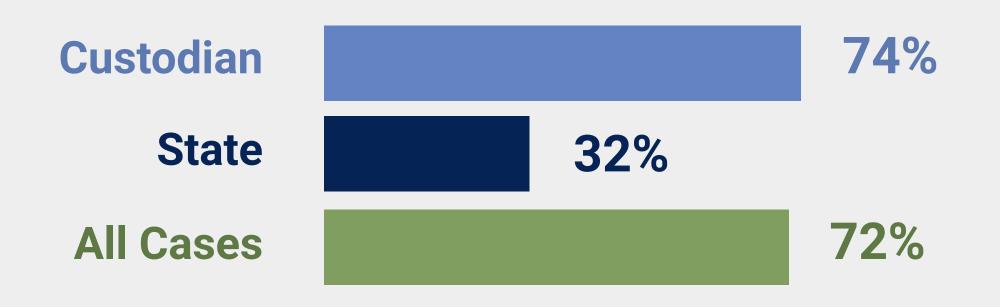
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 12,015 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 372 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Baltimore City Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

34,125 Cases in July 2022



35% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 53% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 82%

> State 9%

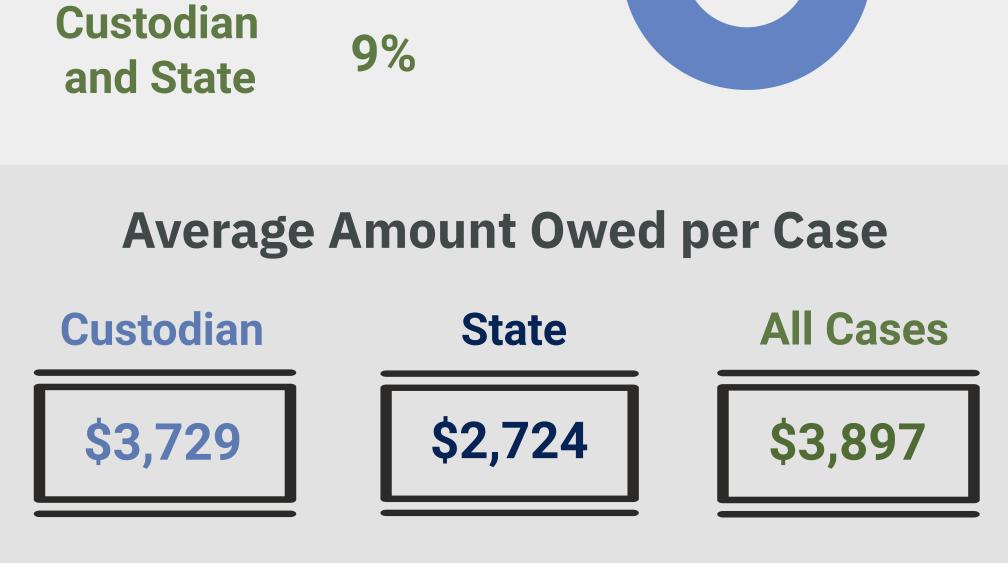
Past-Due Support

of cases had a past-due arrears balance 68% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

60% Custodian 12% State

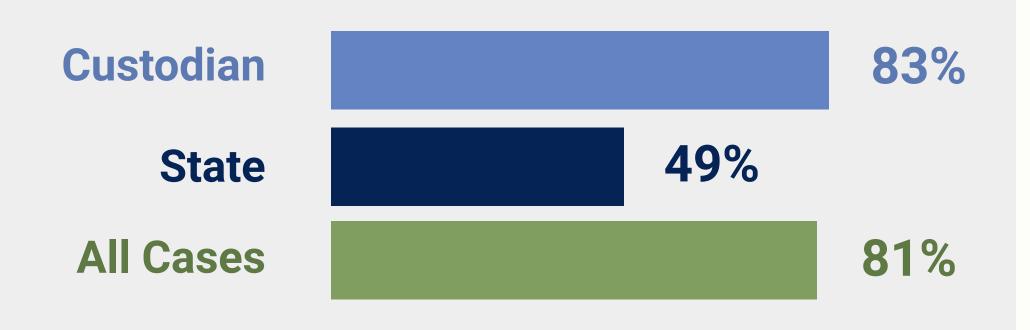




Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

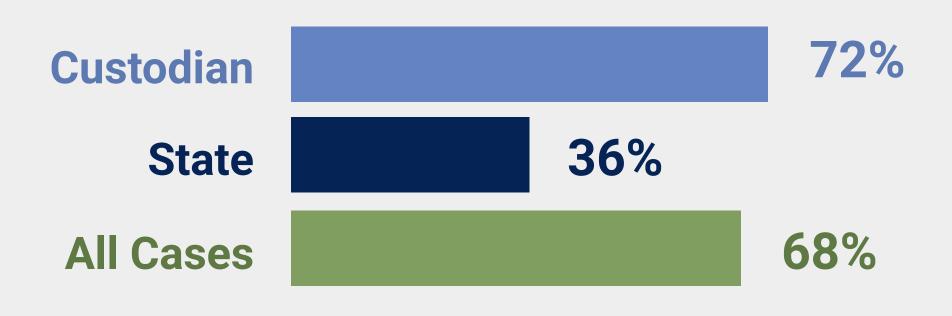
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 34,125 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 380 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Baltimore County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

18,273 Cases in July 2022



11% decrease from July 2016

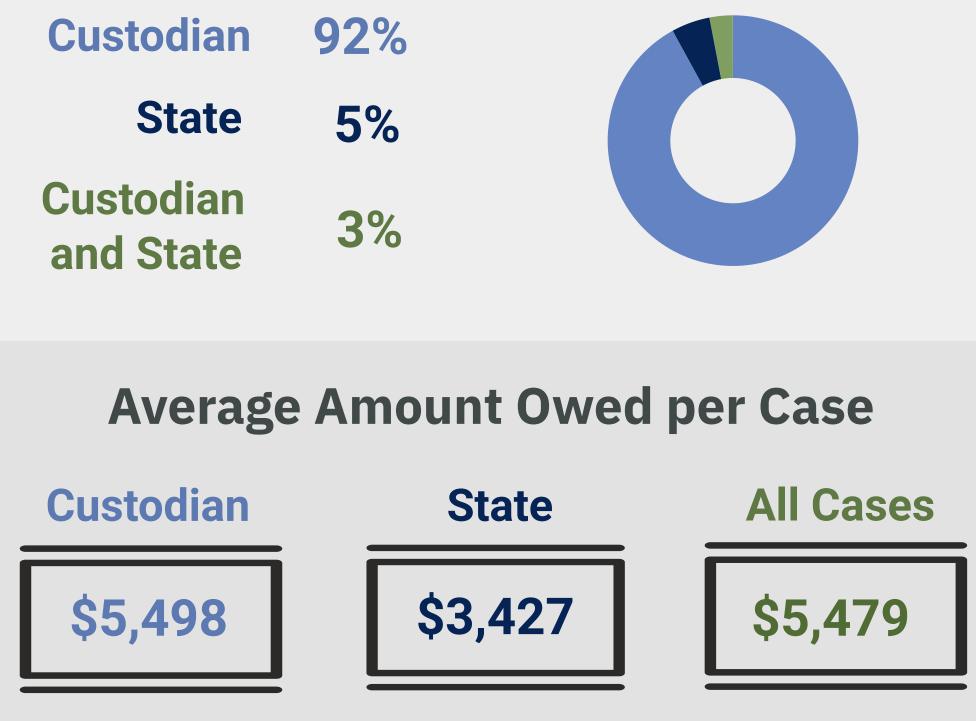




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 60% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

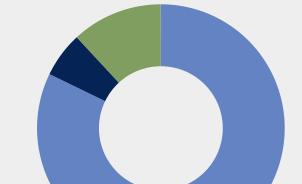


Past-Due Support

62% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 83% 6% State

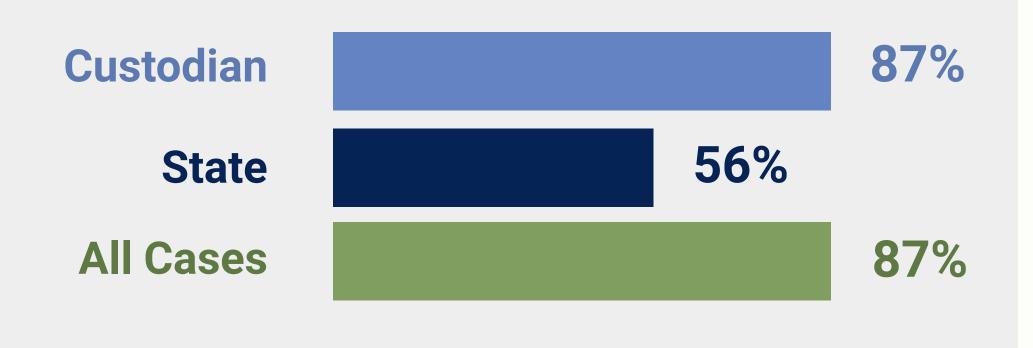


Custodian 12% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 18,273 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 376 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Calvert County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

1,939 Cases in July 2022



21% decrease from July 2016

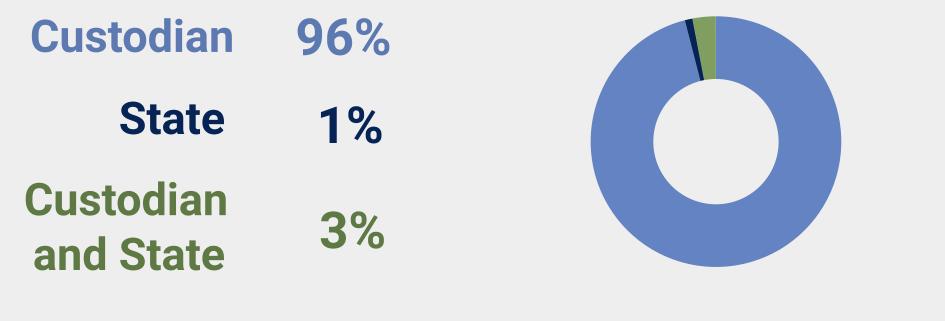




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 79% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

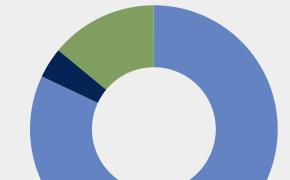


Past-Due Support

74% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 82% 4% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

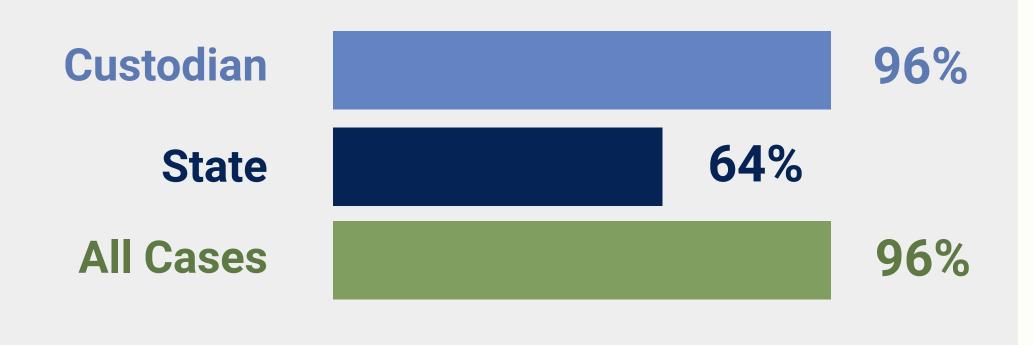


Custodian 14% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



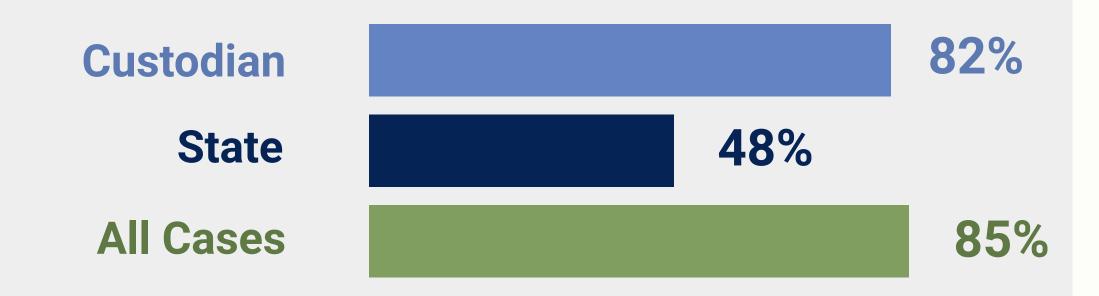
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

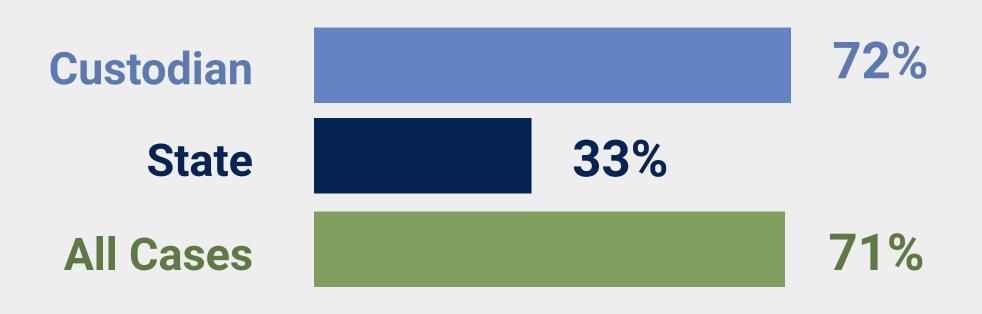
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 1,939 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 321 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Caroline County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

1,193 Cases in July 2022



10% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 73% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

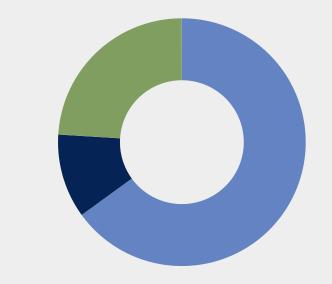


Past-Due Support

70% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 65% 11% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

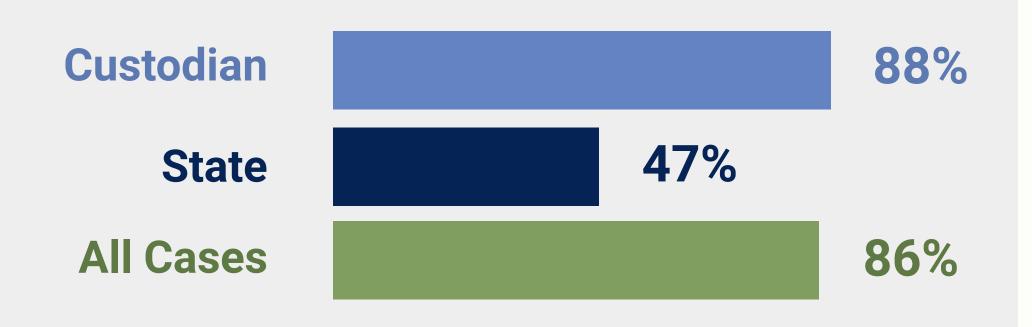


Custodian 24% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



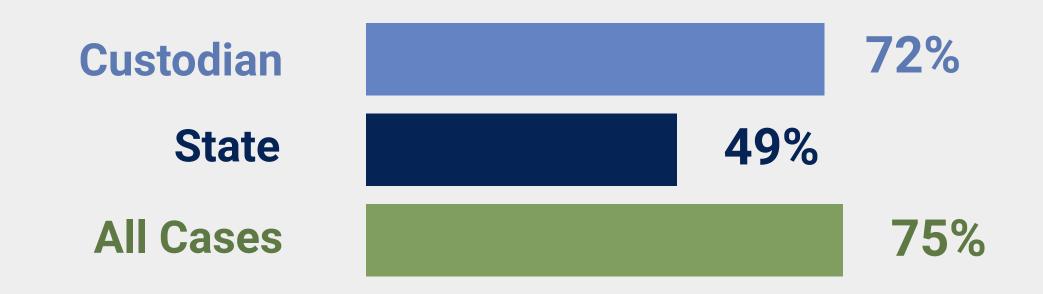
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

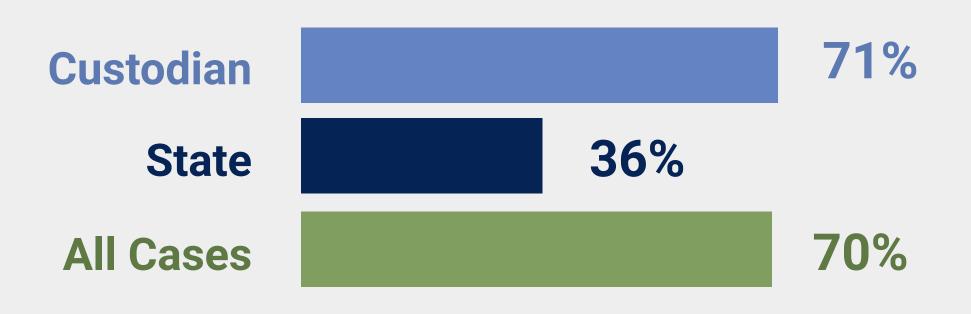
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 1,193 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 291 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Carroll County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

2,389 Cases in July 2022



17% decrease from July 2016

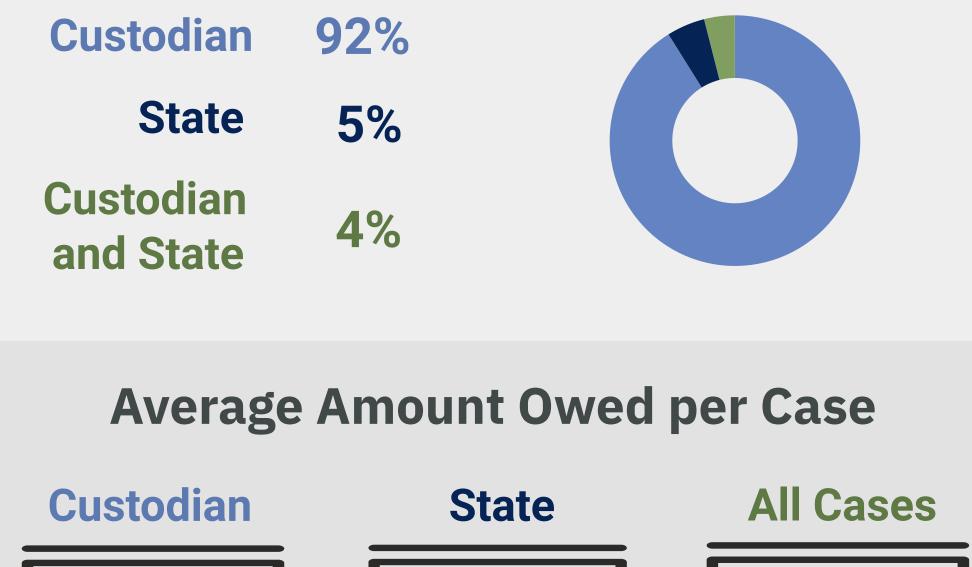


Current Support

of cases were owed current support 76% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

\$6,131

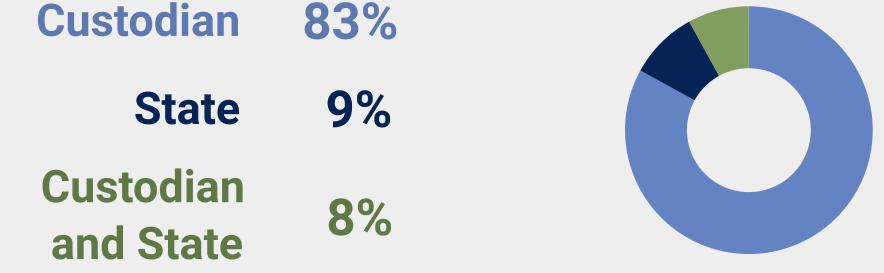


Past-Due Support

69% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

83% 9% State



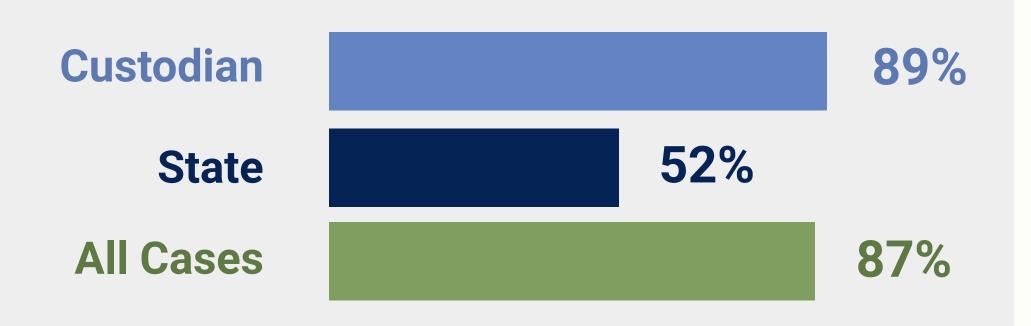
Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment

\$1,713

\$5,982



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

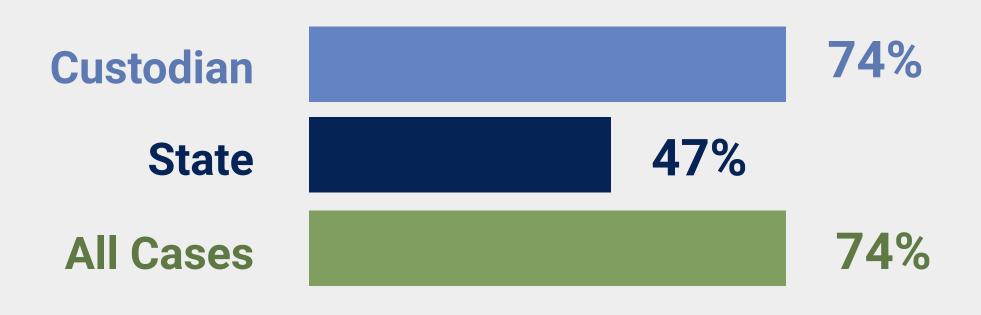


Among cases with payments



Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 2,389 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 331 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Cecil County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

3,184 Cases in July 2022



12% decrease from July 2016

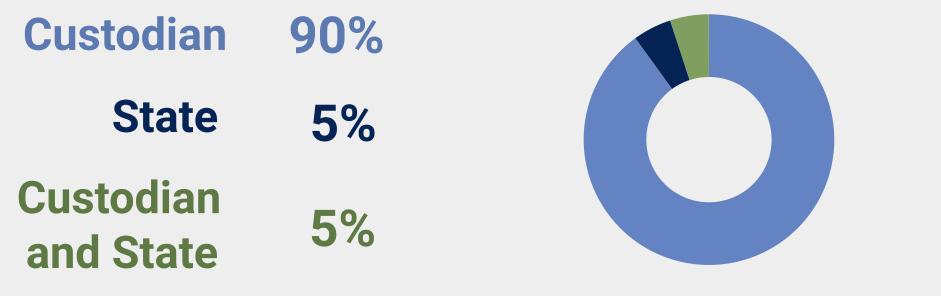




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 59% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

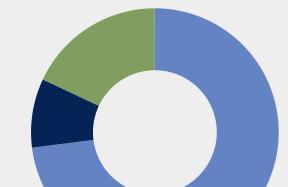


Past-Due Support

61% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 73% 9% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

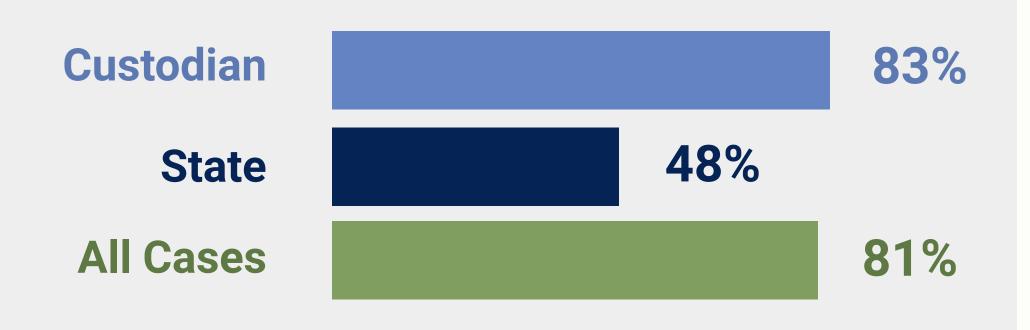


Custodian 18% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

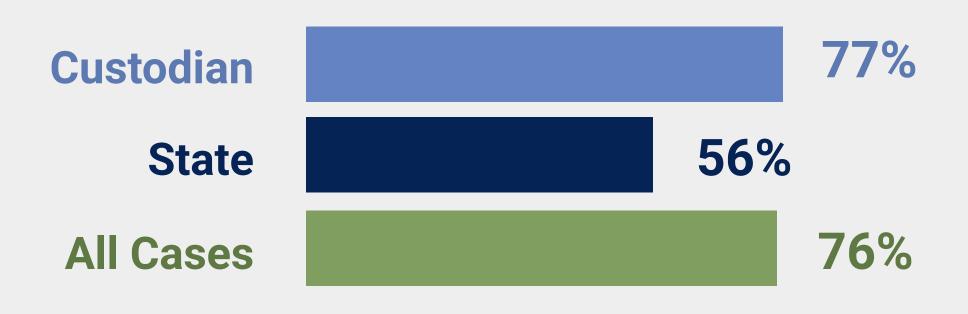
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 3,184 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 343 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Charles County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

5,463 Cases in July 2022



15% decrease from July 2016

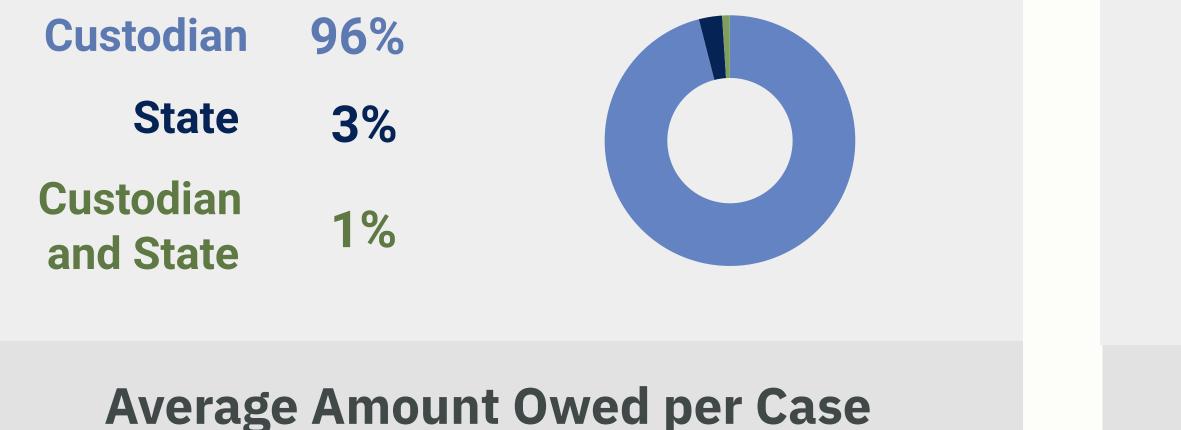




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 62% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.



Past-Due Support

57% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 88% 5% State

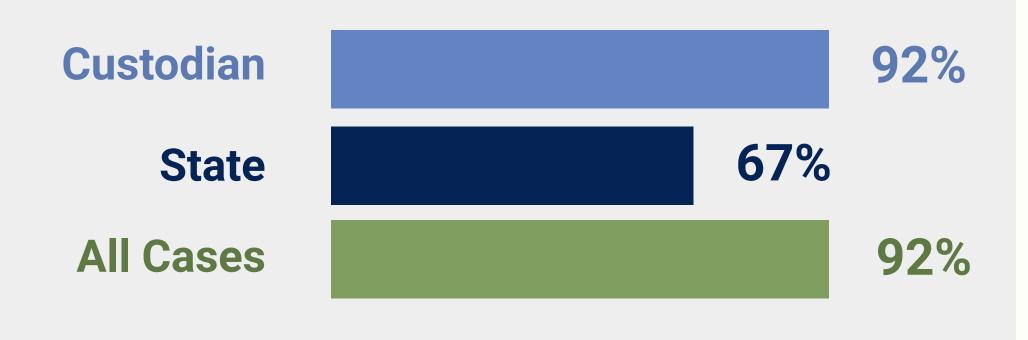
Custodian 7% and State



Median Arrears Balance per Case



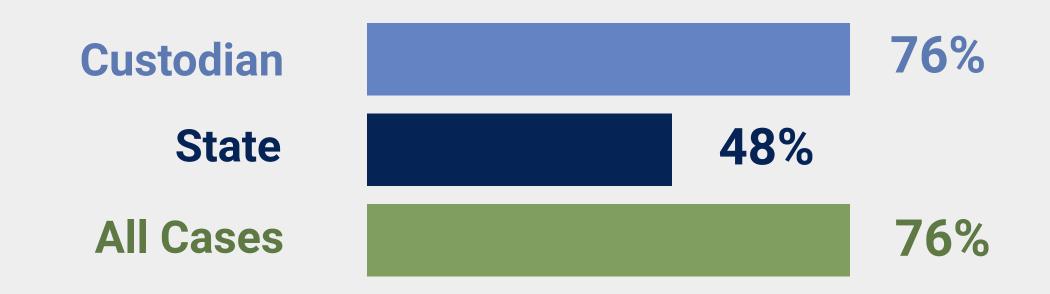
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

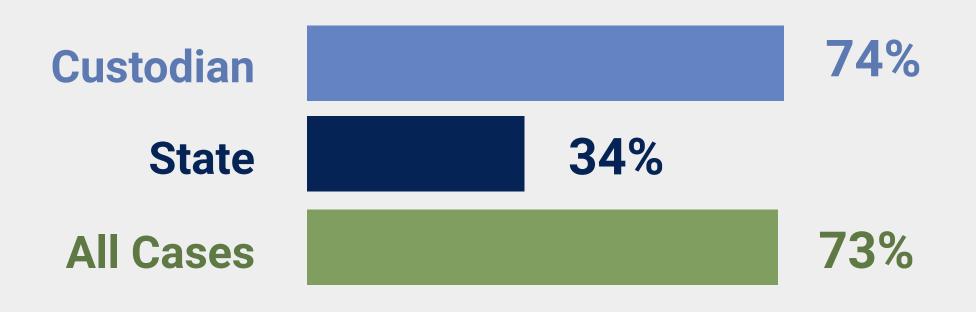
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 5,463 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 359 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Dorchester County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

1,900 Cases in July 2022



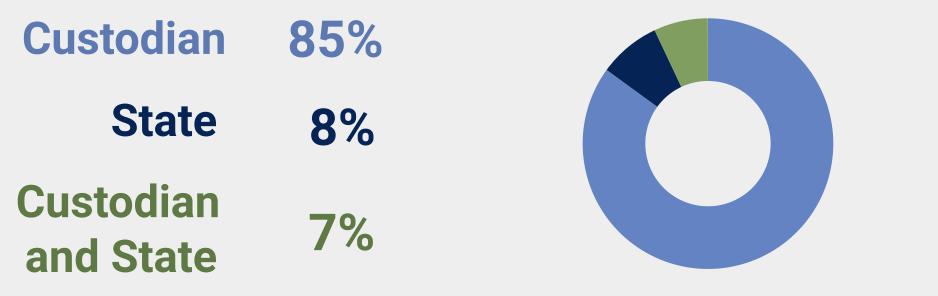
13% decrease from July 2016



Current Support

of cases were owed current support 57% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

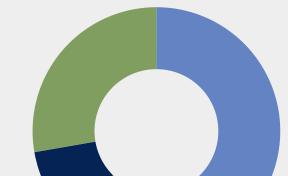


Past-Due Support

73% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

63% Custodian 10% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

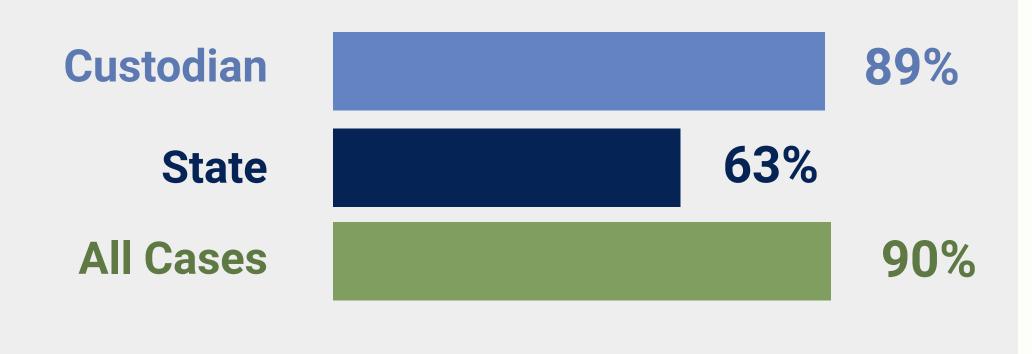


Custodian 28% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

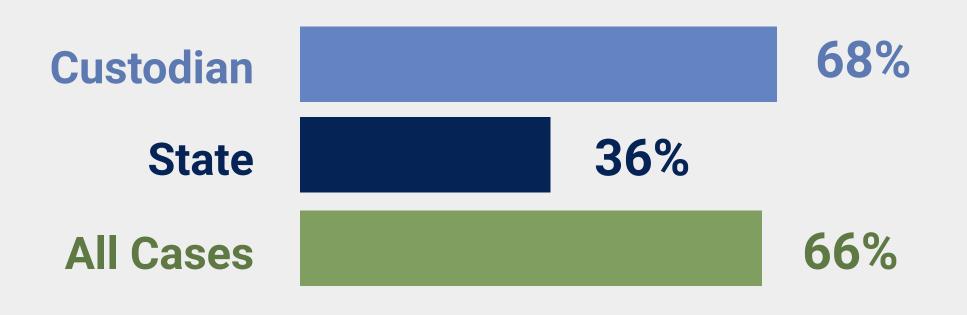
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 1,900 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 320 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Frederick County **Child Support Cases**

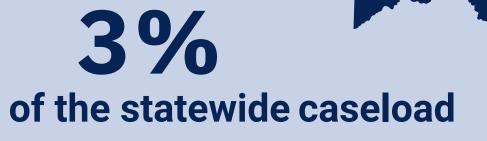


Case Characteristics

4,249 Cases in July 2022



15% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 72% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 88%

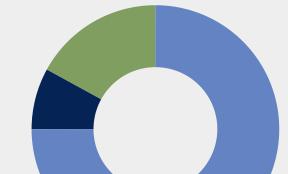
> State 7%

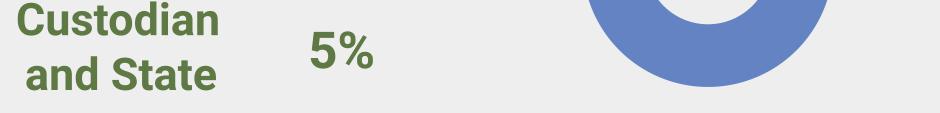
Past-Due Support

70% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 75% 8% State



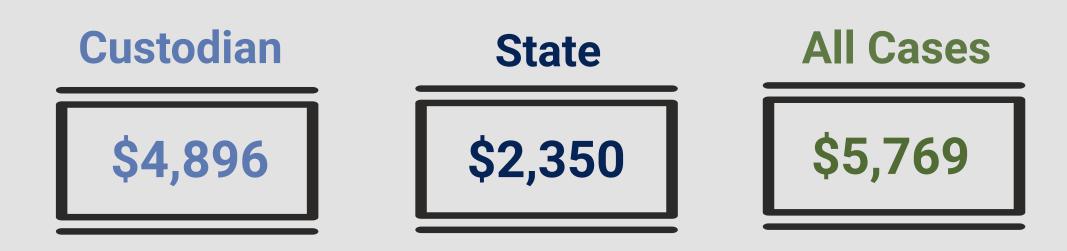


Average Amount Owed per Case

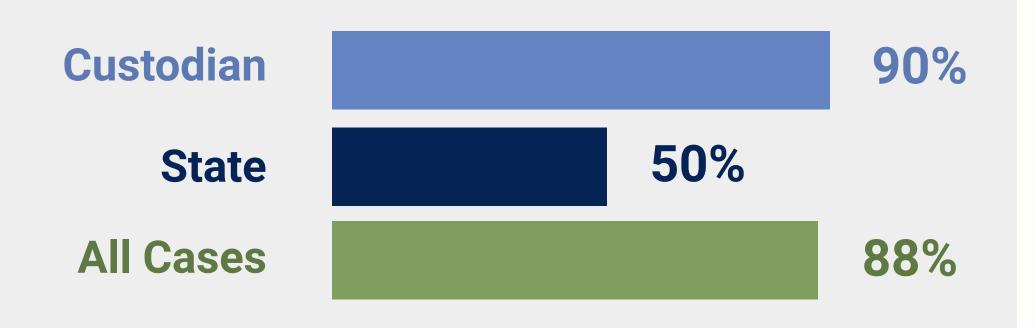


Custodian 17% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

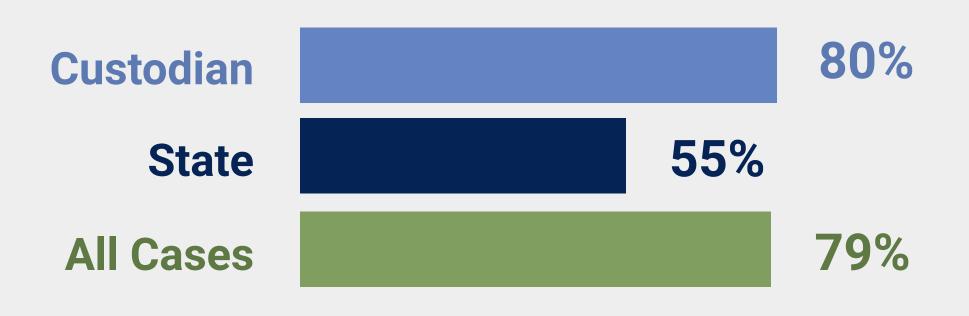
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 4,249 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 352 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Garrett County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

818 **Cases in July 2022**



10% decrease from July 2016

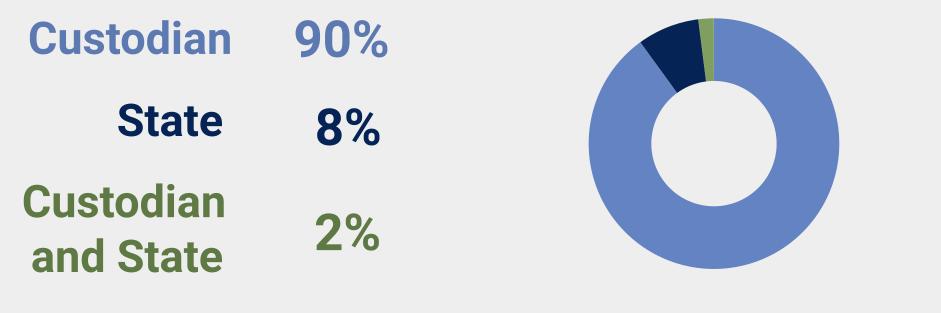




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 78% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

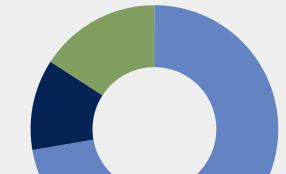


Past-Due Support

81% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 73% 12% State



Average Amount Owed per Case



Custodian 16% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

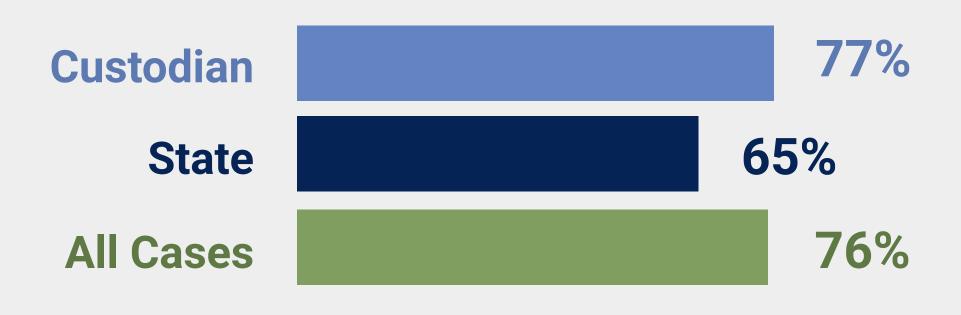
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 818 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 262 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Harford County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

5,200 Cases in July 2022



12% decrease from July 2016

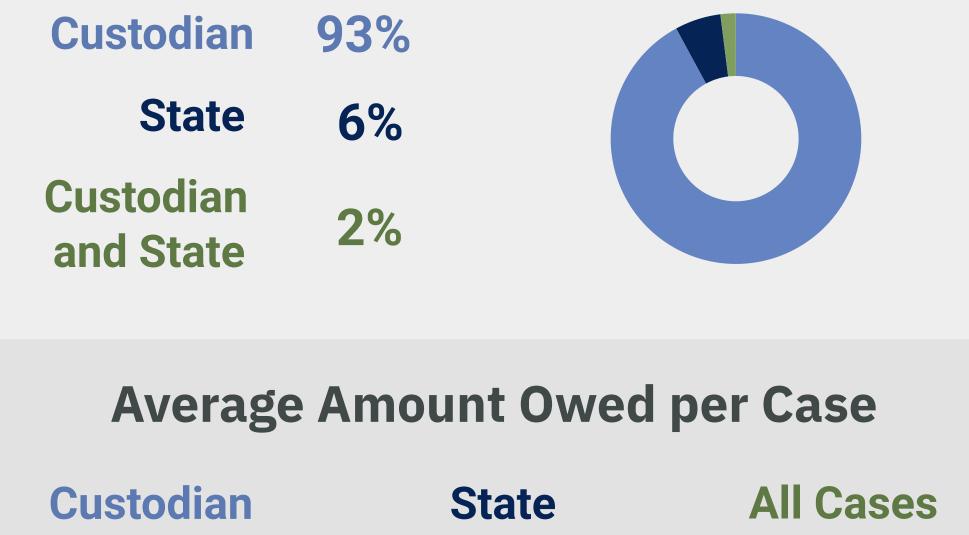


Current Support

of cases were owed current support 69% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

\$5,672



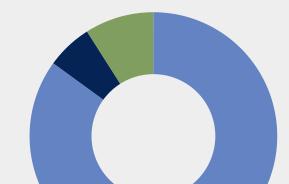
Past-Due Support

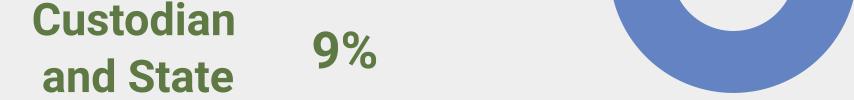
65% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 85%

State





6%

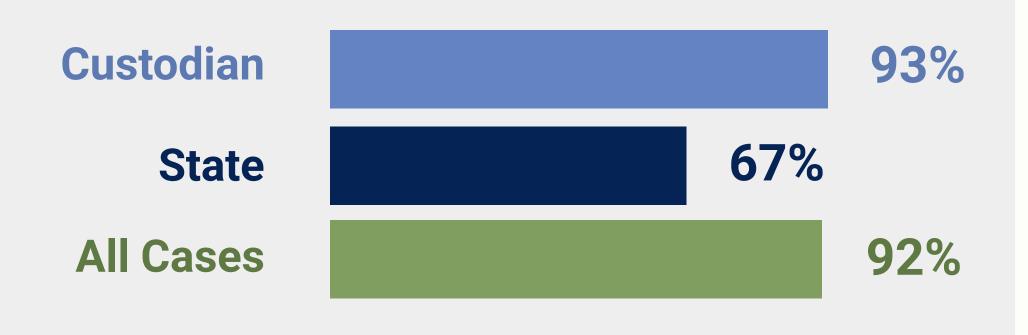
Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment

\$2,761

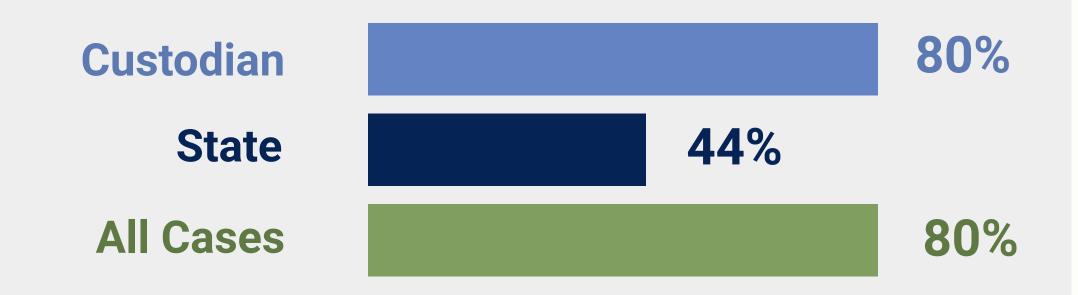
\$5,551



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

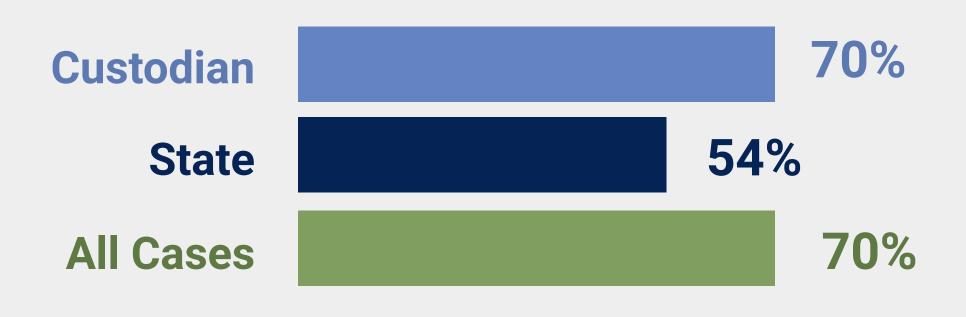
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 5,200 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 358 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Howard County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

4,003 Cases in July 2022



15% decrease from July 2016

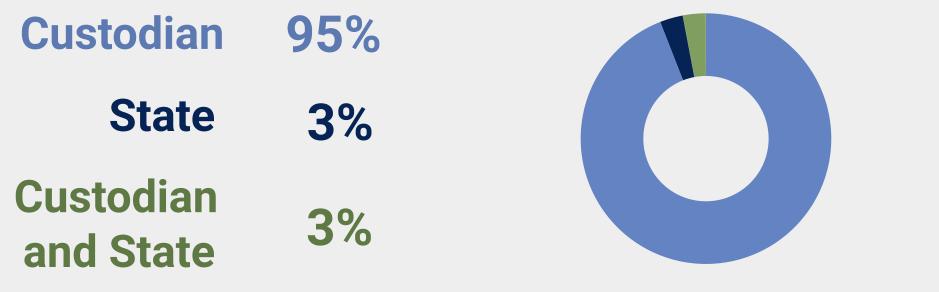




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 66% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.



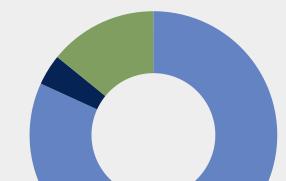
Past-Due Support

66% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 81%

State



Average Amount Owed per Case



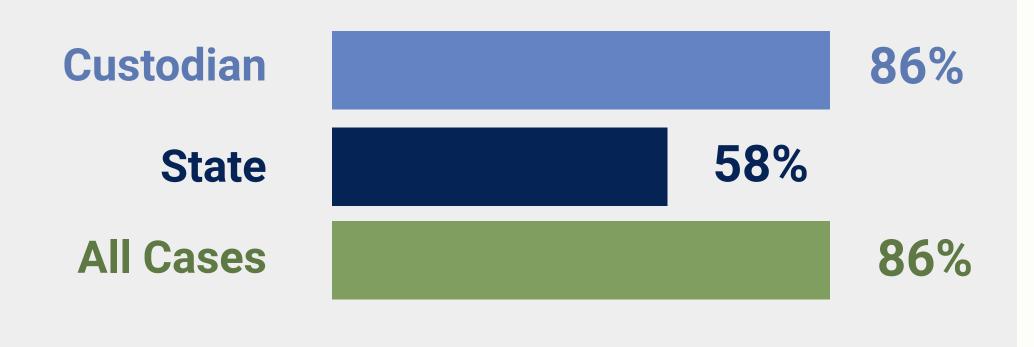
Custodian 14% and State

4%

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

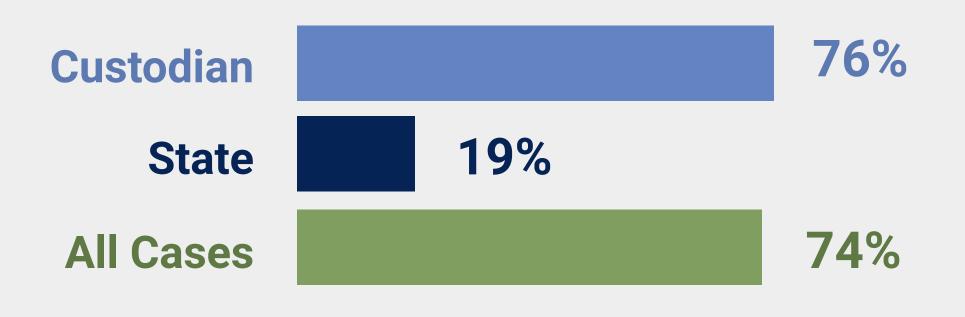
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 4,003 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 351 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Kent County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

629 **Cases in July 2022**



12% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 65% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 82%

> State 7%

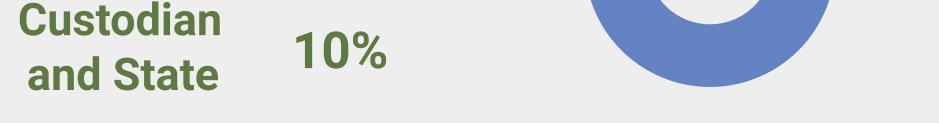
Past-Due Support

of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022 82%

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 60% 15% State





Average Amount Owed per Case

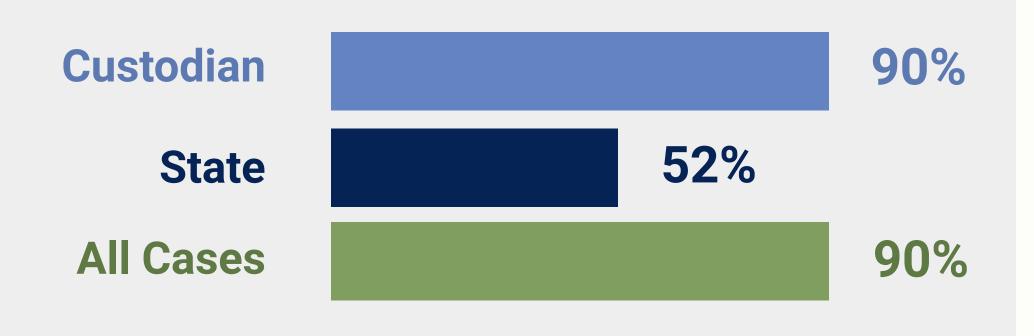


Custodian 25% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

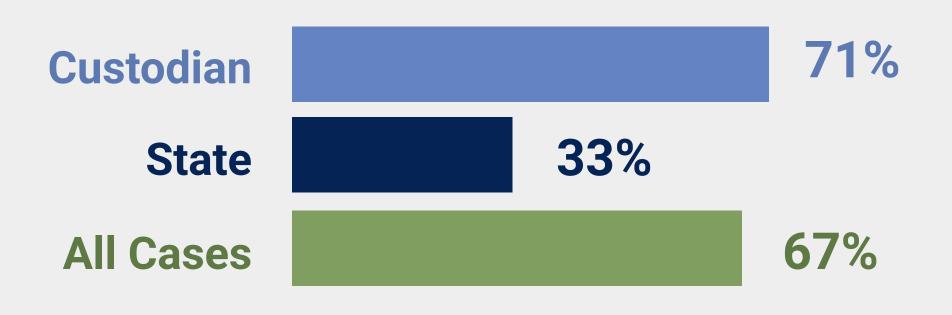


Among cases with payments



Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 626 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 238 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Montgomery County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

14,347 **Cases in July 2022**



15% decrease from July 2016

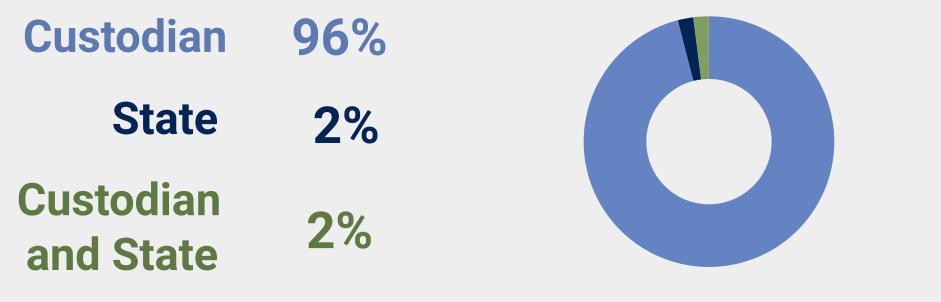




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 75% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

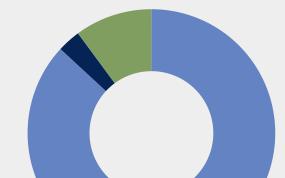


Past-Due Support

69% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 86% 3% State

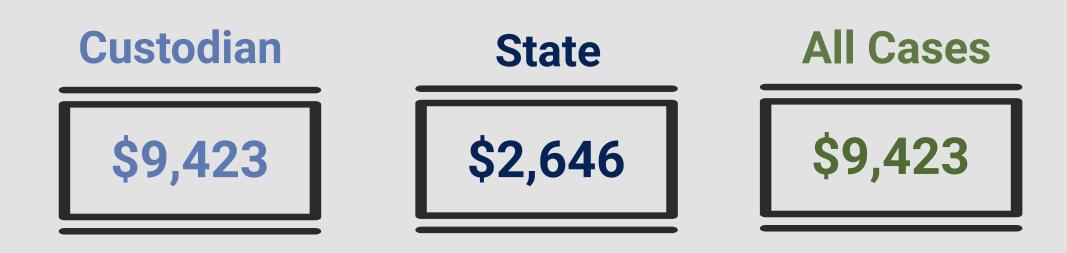


Average Amount Owed per Case

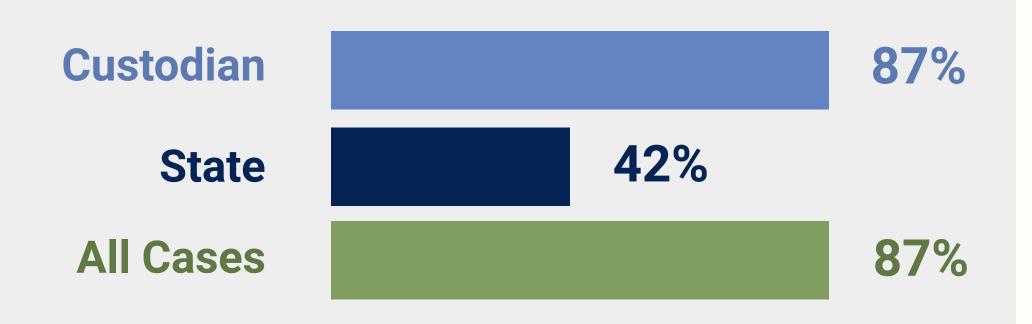


Custodian 10% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



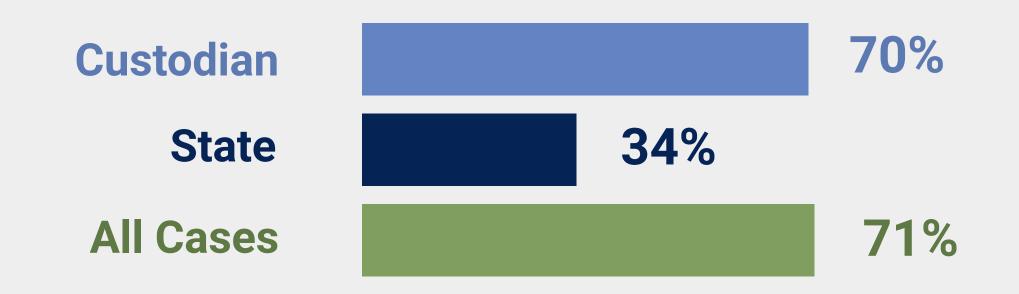
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

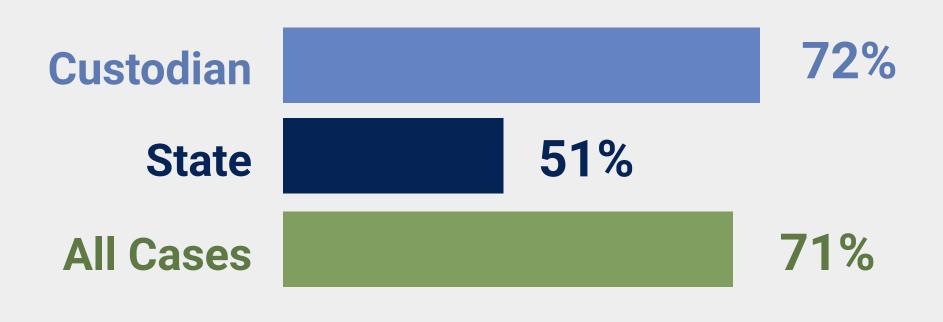
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 14,347 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 374 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Prince George's County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

30,708 Cases in July 2022



18% decrease from July 2016

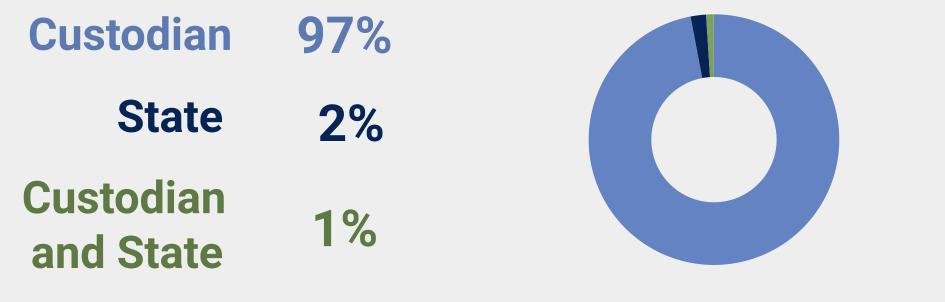




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 62% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

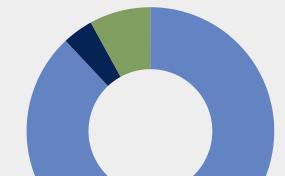


Past-Due Support

65% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 88% 4% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

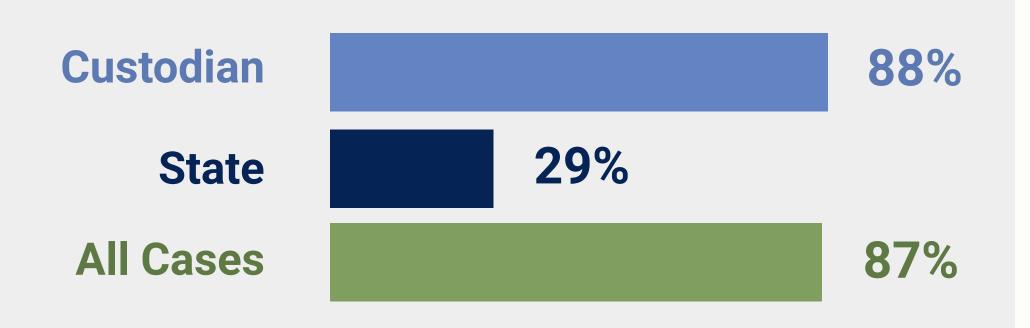


Custodian 8% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



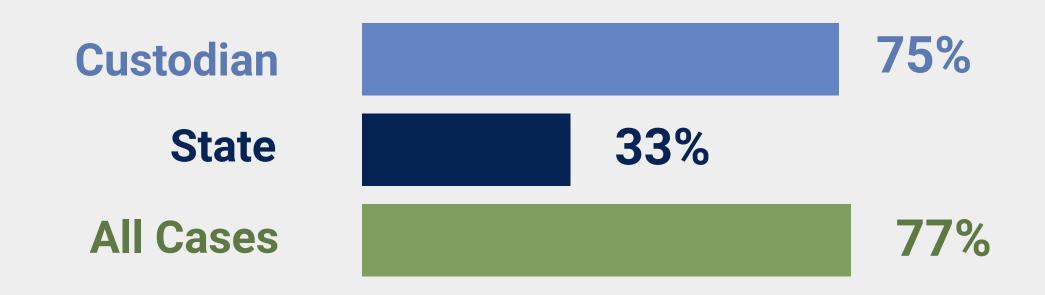
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

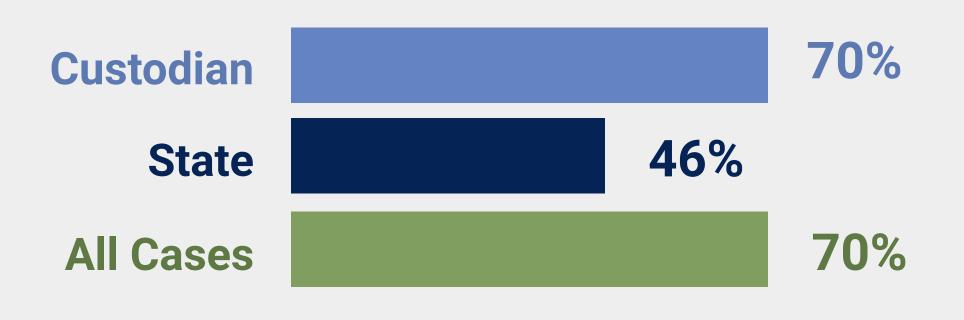
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 30,708 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 379 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Queen Anne's County **Child Support Cases**

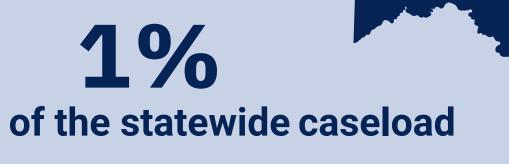


Case Characteristics

962 **Cases in July 2022**



14% decrease from July 2016



Current Support

of cases were owed current support 76% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 93%

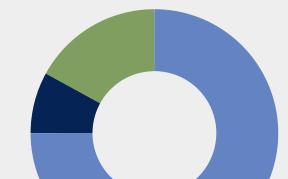
> State 6%

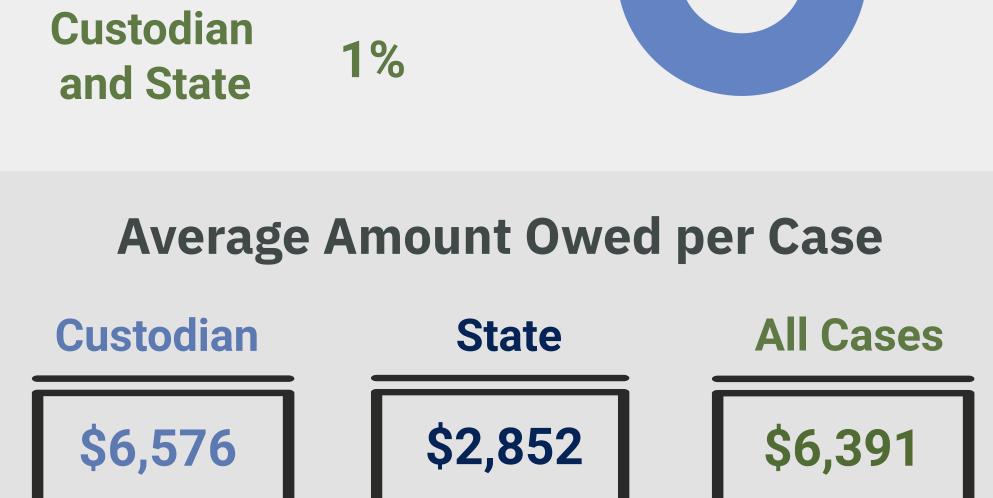
Past-Due Support

69% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 75% 8% State



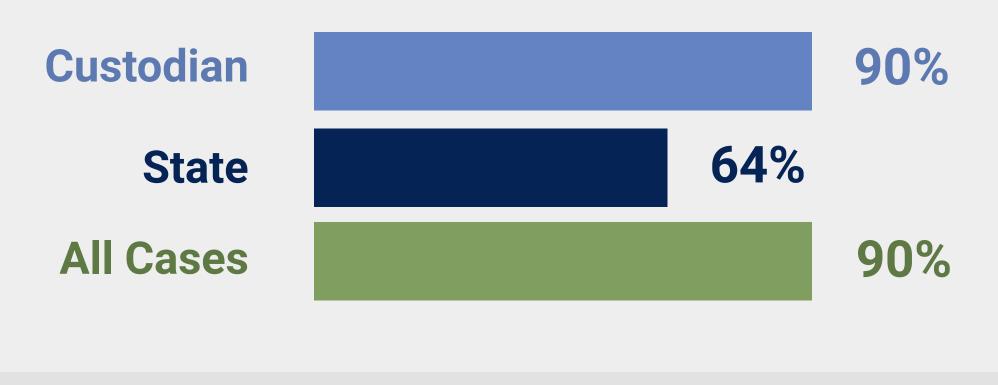


Custodian 17% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



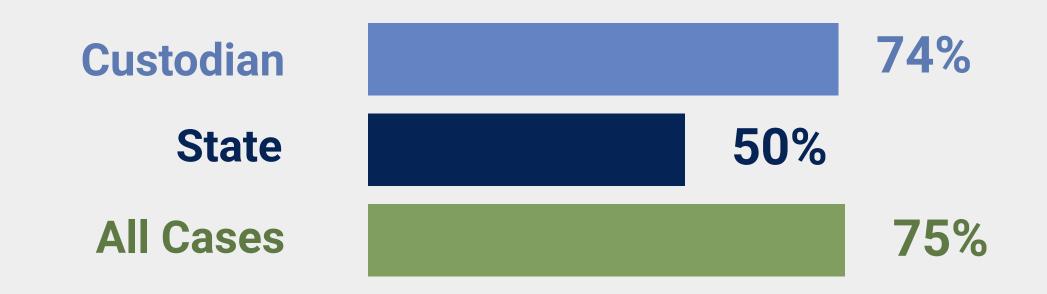
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

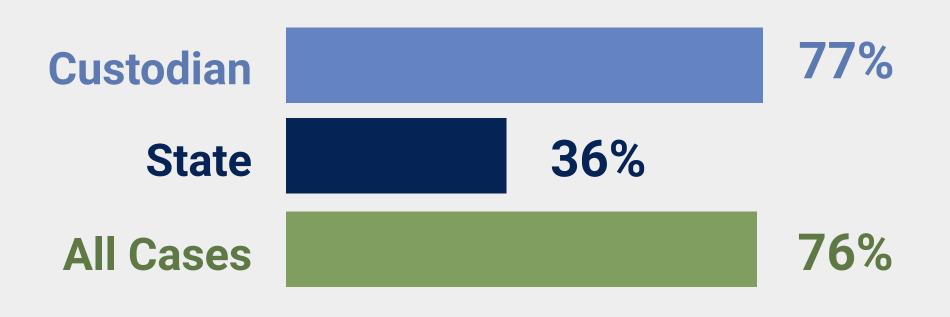
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 962 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 275 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



St. Mary's County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

3,955 Cases in July 2022



18% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 64% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 83%

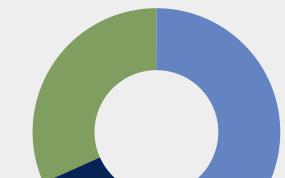
> State 7%

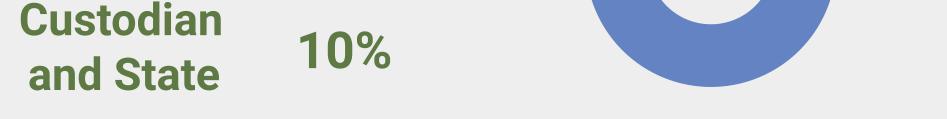
Past-Due Support

66% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

57% Custodian 12% State





Average Amount Owed per Case

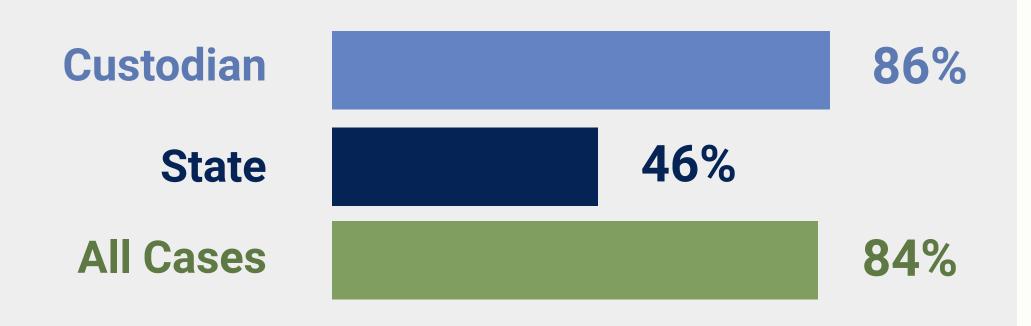


Custodian 32% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

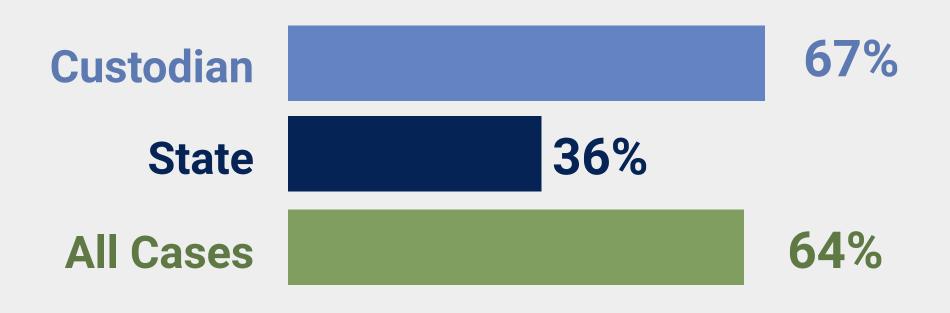
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 3,955 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 350 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Somerset County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

1,398 Cases in July 2022



18% decrease from July 2016

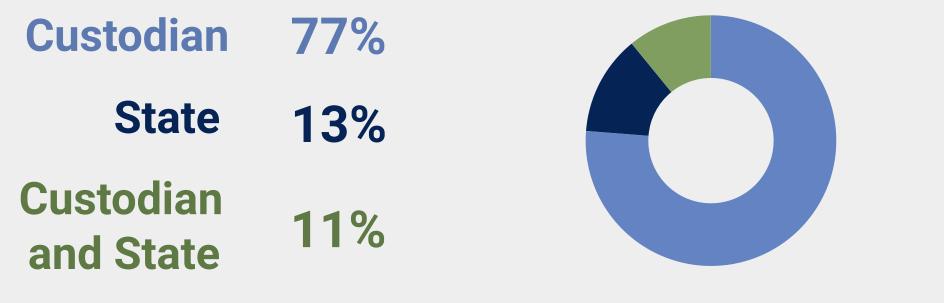




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 66% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.



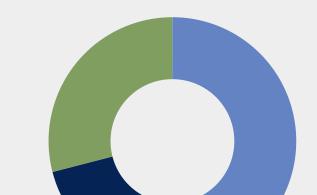
Past-Due Support

73% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 56% 15% State Custodian

and State



Average Amount Owed per Case



29%

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

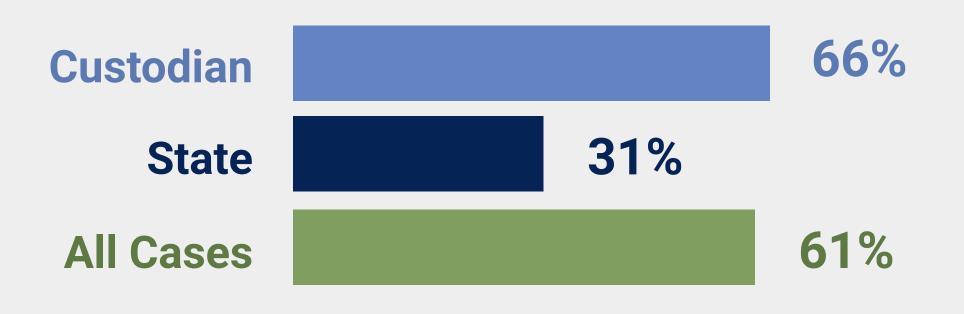
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 1,398 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 302 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Talbot County Child Support Cases



Case Characteristics

823 **Cases in July 2022**



14% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 71% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 88%

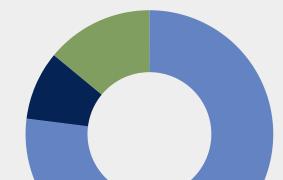
> State 7%

Past-Due Support

74% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

77% Custodian 9% State

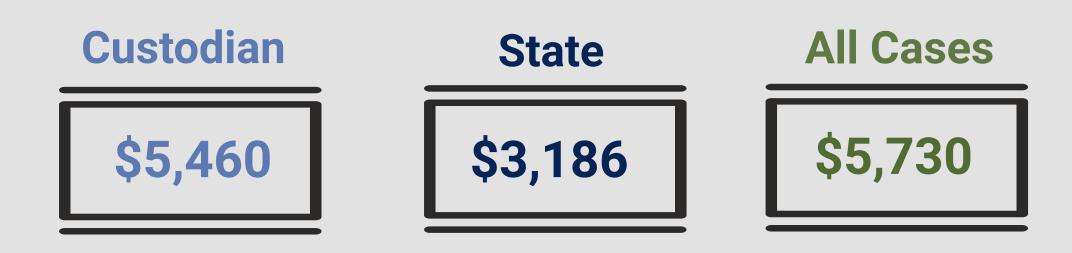




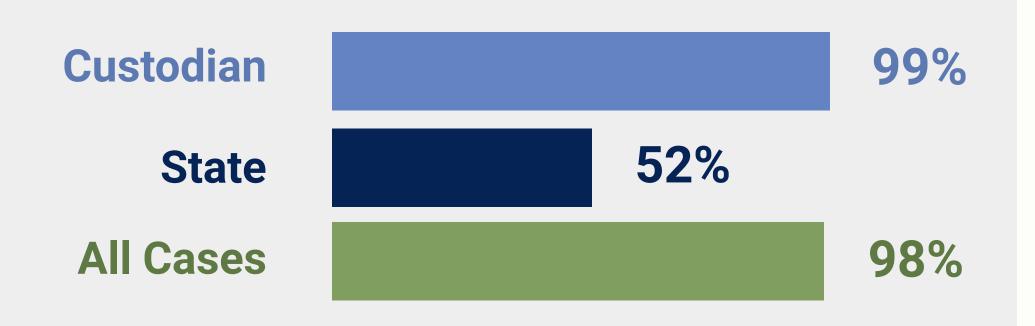


Custodian 14% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



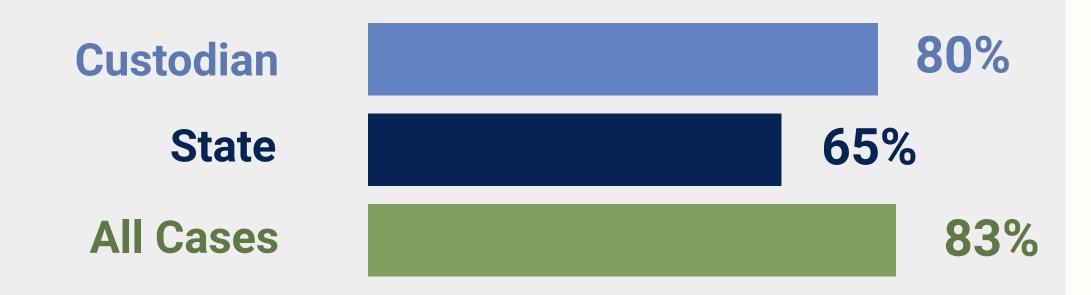
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

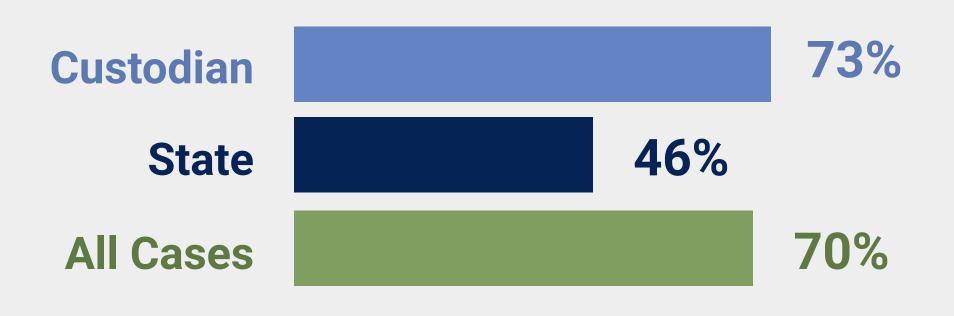
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 823 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 262 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Washington County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

5,348 Cases in July 2022



decrease from July 2016



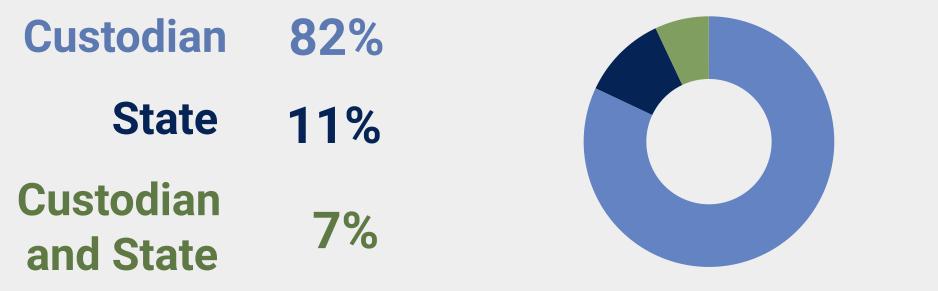


Current Support

of cases were owed current support 72% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

State

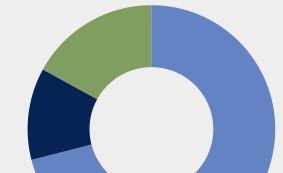


Past-Due Support

64% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 71% 12% State



Average Amount Owed per Case

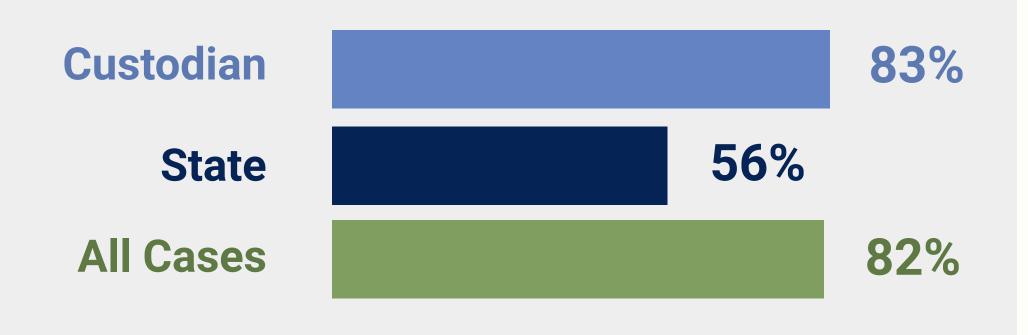


Custodian 17% and State

Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

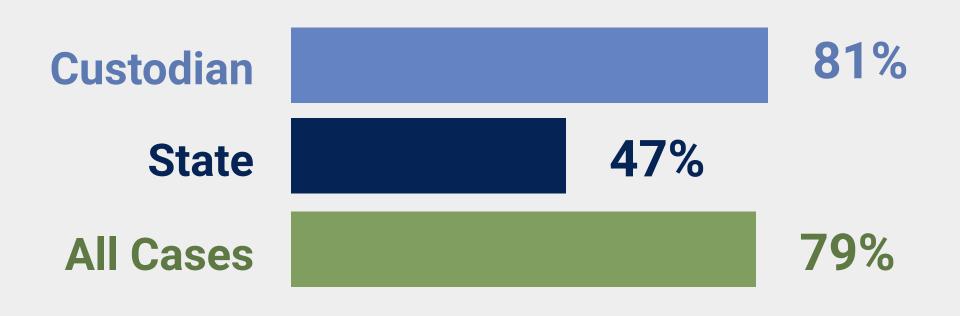
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 5,348 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 358 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Wicomico County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

3,852 Cases in July 2022



decrease from July 2016

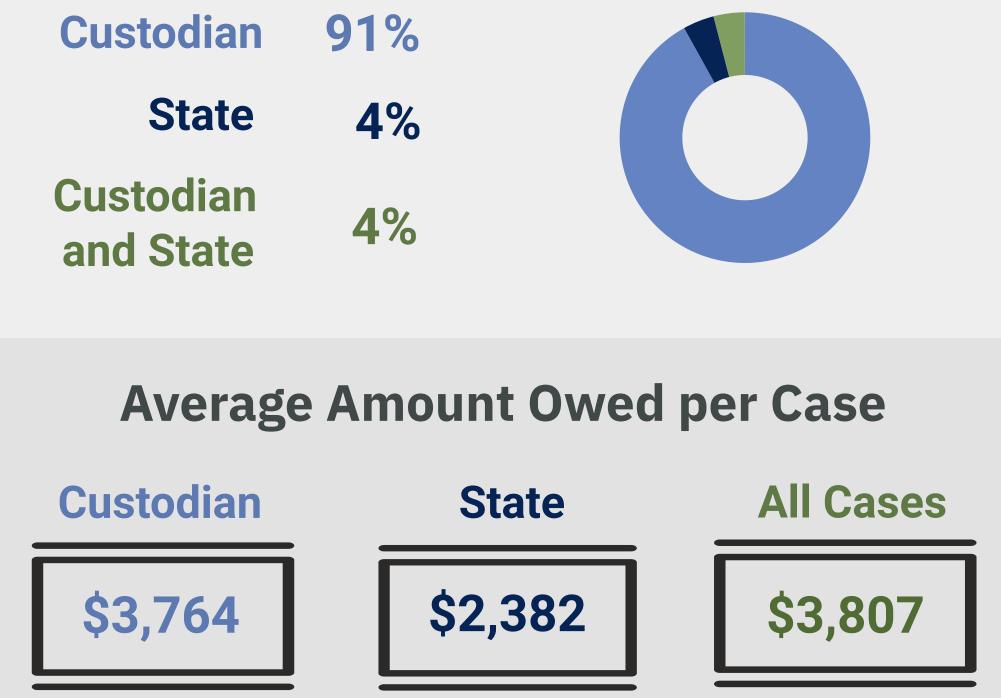




Current Support

of cases were owed current support 60% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.



Past-Due Support

72% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

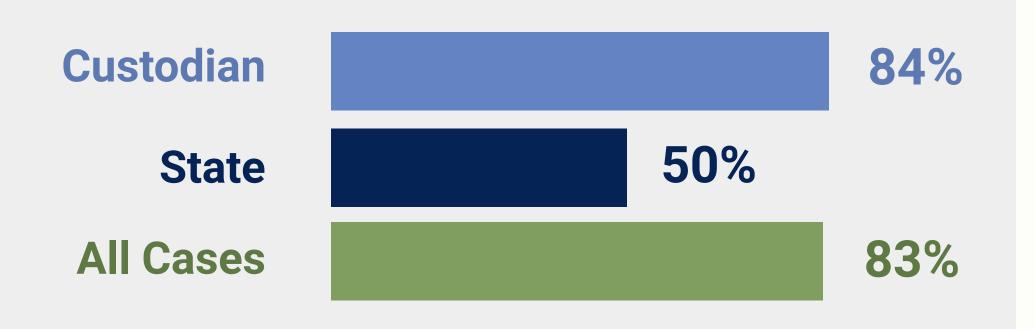
68% Custodian 10% State



Median Arrears Balance per Case



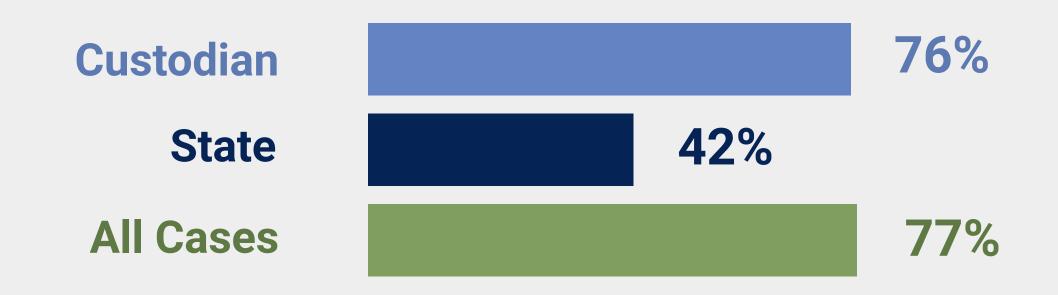
Percent of Cases with a Payment



Average Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

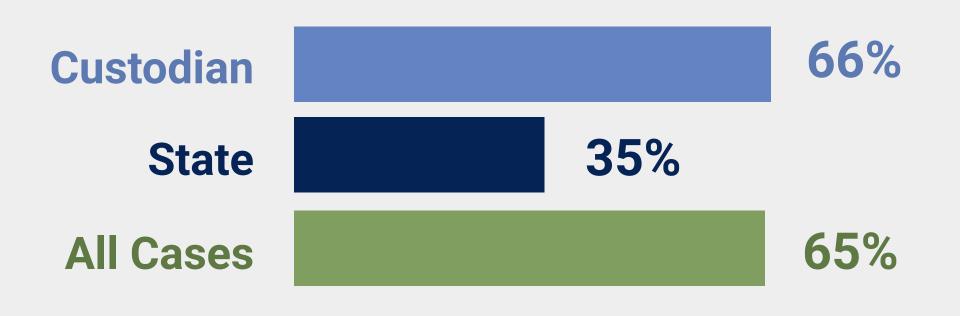
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 3,852 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 349 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



Worcester County **Child Support Cases**



Case Characteristics

1,328 Cases in July 2022



12% decrease from July 2016





Current Support

of cases were owed current support 73% between July 2021 and June 2022

Most support was owed to custodians.

Custodian 86%

> State 8%

\$3,911

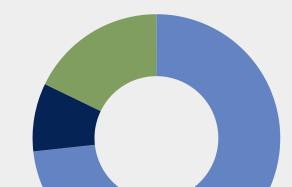
\$3,948

Past-Due Support

71% of cases had a past-due arrears balance between July 2021 and June 2022

Most debt was owed to custodians.

Custodian 74% 9% State





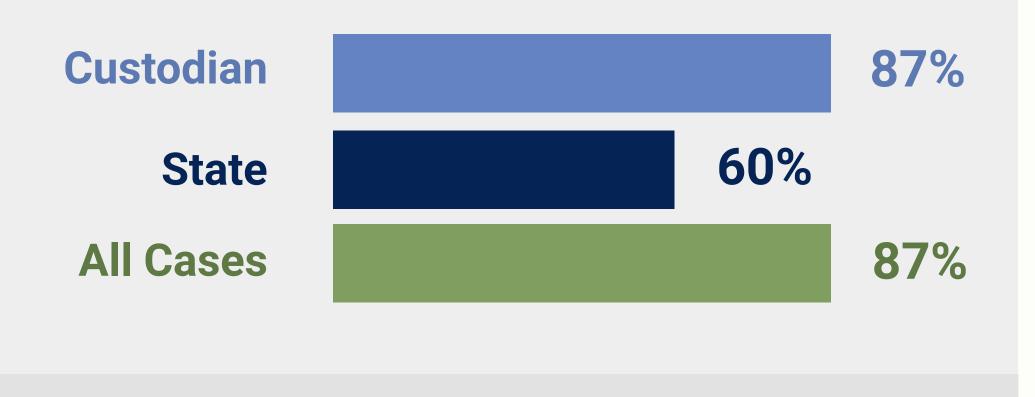


Median Arrears Balance per Case



Percent of Cases with a Payment

\$2,481



Percent of Cases with a Payment



Median Amount Paid per Case

Among cases with payments

Average Amount Paid per Case

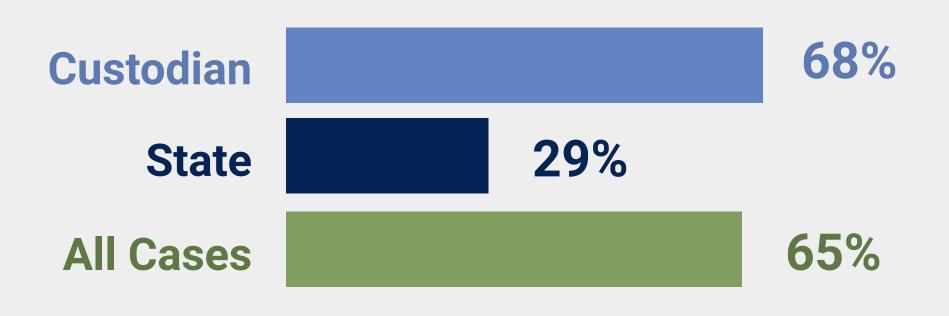
Among cases with payments





Average Percent Paid per Case

Among cases with payments



Note: Data are based on a stratified random sample of 1,328 active child support cases in July 2022. The final sample was 298 cases. Amounts due and paid are based on the prior year from July 2021 to June 2022. Please see the Methods section for more information.



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