

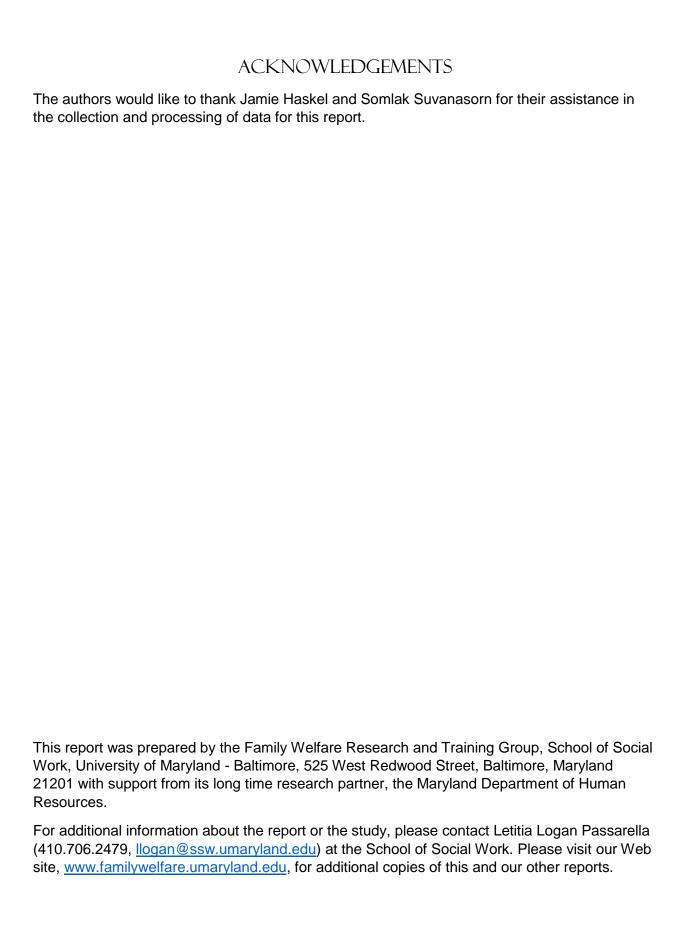
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# MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD:

# TRENDS AMONG CASES 2010 TO 2016

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### INTRODUCTION

The federal IV-D child support program plays a vital role in ensuring that both parents contribute to the material needs of their children. According to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), more than \$28.5 billion was collected and distributed to families in federal fiscal year 2015, through both direct payments and income withholding (OCSE, 2016a). In Maryland, the Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA) collected and distributed 69% of current support due, over \$533 million on behalf of families. These distributions help custodial parents care for their children and can make up a significant portion of household income for poor families (Sorensen, 2010).

Both the total amount and percentage of current support collected in Maryland have increased annually for more than a decade. However, CSEA has served fewer families over time. The decline has been particularly sharp in recent years. In Maryland, the child support caseload declined from 248,027 cases in 2010 to 207,591 cases in 2015, a 16% drop (OCSE, 2010, 2016a). In comparison, the national child support caseload declined by 7% between 2010 and 2015 (OCSE, 2010, 2016a). While some caseload decline may involve the closure of cases where child support payments were no longer required, falling caseloads, both in Maryland and nationally, may not mean that fewer families need child support.

Some families may choose not to obtain support orders. For instance, custodial parents may be unwilling to obtain support orders from noncustodial parents who either already contribute informally or are too financially disadvantaged to contribute.

Over 60% of poor custodial parents without

a support order indicated that the reason they did not have an order was because the other parent could not afford to pay support or that the other parent already provided what they could (OCSE, 2016b).

Additionally, the declining child support caseload in Maryland may be partially explained by a concurrent fall in the size of the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) caseload. TCA recipients are required to participate with CSEA. With the exception of the recessionary periods in 2001 and the late 2000s, the TCA caseload has consistently contracted since the passage of welfare reform legislation in 1996. It has declined by 20% from 2010 to 2015. Smaller TCA caseloads mean fewer families who are required to participate in the child support enforcement program as a condition of TCA benefit receipt.

Even with declining caseloads, CSEA provides child support services to over 200,000 families each year. To better serve these families, this report provides policymakers and program managers with a description of recent trends in the child support caseload, providing information on the Maryland child support caseload in July 2016 and examining the following:

- 1. Where in the state are child support cases located?
- 2. What percentage of child support cases have established orders for current support, and what percentage have arrears balances?
- 3. How much in current support or arrears is due per case?
- 4. What percentage of owed support is paid per case?

## 2016 Highlights

- Over three in four cases had an order for current support or arrears.
- The average current support order amount was \$440.
- The average arrears order amount was \$113.
- Nearly nine in 10 current support cases received a payment.
- An average of 63% of owed current support was paid.
- Almost three in every four cases with an arrears balance received a payment.

### **METHODS**

This report uses a stratified random sample of all active child support cases in July 2016 (n=8,072). Simple 5% random samples of active child support cases in July of 2010, 2012, and 2014 are used for comparison. Implementing a stratified random sample for the 2016 data involves oversampling small counties and under-sampling larger counties to produce 24 statistically valid jurisdictional samples. This over- and undersampling is adjusted for statewide analyses through the use of weights so that each of the 24 jurisdictions account for the same percentage of cases in the sample as they do in the statewide population.

For example, the child support caseload in Kent County represents 0.36% of the statewide population of cases. However, we

oversampled Kent County cases to produce a larger, statistically valid jurisdictional sample for that county. When examining cases on the statewide level, this larger Kent County sample was then adjusted with a weight so that it represented 0.36% of the cases in the sample. Stratified sampling thus allows for both a statewide sample that accurately represents the proportions of child support cases among jurisdictions and a set of jurisdictional samples that are large enough to analyze. However, because data from the 2010, 2012, and 2014 samples were not drawn using stratified sampling, we are only able to provide trends at the state level.

#### **Data Sources**

Findings are based on administrative data retrieved from the Child Support Enforcement System (CSES). CSES contains identifying information and demographic data on children, noncustodial parents, and custodians receiving services from the IV-D agency<sup>1</sup> as well as data on payment receipt.

### **Analysis**

This profile of Maryland's child support caseload uses univariate statistics to describe cases in July 2016. Where appropriate, we compare these findings to prior years (July 2010, July 2012, and July 2014) and examine differences using chisquare and analysis of variance (ANOVA) tests. The main text of the report provides state-level analyses with some discussion of jurisdictional differences. Full profiles of each of the 24 jurisdictions are included in the appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The public child support program is authorized under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and is often referred to as the IV-D program.

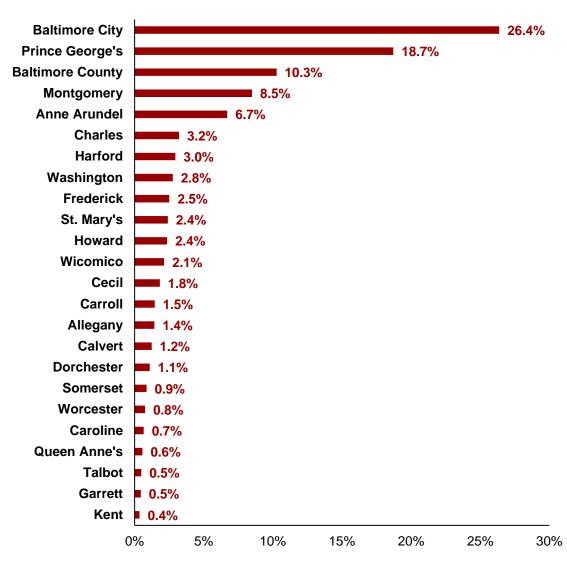
### **FINDINGS**

#### **Case Characteristics**

The Child Support Enforcement
Administration serves families in all of
Maryland's 24 jurisdictions. Figure 1
displays the geographic distribution of child
support cases. Slightly over one-quarter
(26.4%) of cases are situated in Baltimore
City, one of Maryland's largest jurisdictions.
Combined, the five largest jurisdictions in
Maryland (Baltimore City, Prince George's

County, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Anne Arundel County) contain 70.6% of the statewide caseload. Less than one third (29.4%) of cases are located in the other 19 jurisdictions. These 19 counties each encompass from 3.0% to less than 0.5% of the statewide caseload. The distribution of child support cases across Maryland has not changed substantially since our last report, released in 2014.

Figure 1. Jurisdictional Distribution of Child Support Cases July 2016



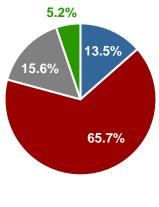
While multiple children can be associated with a single child support case, the majority of sampled cases have only one child. Figure 2 shows that two thirds (65.7%) of cases have one child, while 15.6% have two, and only 5.2% have three or more. The remaining 13.5% of cases with zero participating children are cases in which the child has aged out of eligibility for current support and the remaining balance is pastdue current support (arrears-only cases), or where the child's paternity status has yet to be established. Allegany (19.8%), Dorchester (24.2%), and Kent (19.6%) Counties had particularly high percentages of cases with zero participating children. It is likely, then, that these counties have higher percentages of arrears-only cases or cases still requiring paternity establishment.

## **Support Orders**

Child support cases may have orders for current support, arrears, both types of support, or neither. Current support orders are court-established monthly amounts based on the income of both parents and the costs of raising a child. Arrears orders are monthly obligations towards past-due child support. Cases without a support order of either kind are typically cases in which paternity has yet to be established for the child on the case, or cases in which no financial order is required, but the case has an order for paternity establishment or medical support.

As Figure 3 shows, a plurality of sampled cases have both current support and arrears orders. Over 40% of cases in 2016 had orders for both current support and arrears, a percentage that has increased only marginally over time (from 39.7% in

Figure 2. Number of Children per Case *July 2016* 



■ 0 ■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 or more

**Note:** Cases with zero participating children are either arrears cases in which a child has aged out of the system and the remaining balance is past-due support or cases in which paternity has yet to be established for any children on the case.

2010 to 43.0% in 2016). Cases with only current support orders made up 16.0% of the 2016 sample, increasing from 13.8% in 2010, while 19.2% were arrears-only cases, declining from 21.2% in 2010. Cases without a support order of either kind made up 21.8% of the sample. The percentage of cases without any support orders has declined by about four percentage points since 2010 (25.3%).

The percentage of cases with support orders varies by jurisdiction. In Baltimore City, one third (33.9%) of cases had no established support orders, followed by 28.2% in Cecil County. Few (7.8%) cases had no orders in Calvert County. Additionally, more than 20% of cases were arrears-only in the three aforementioned counties (Allegany, Dorchester, and Kent Counties) that have a high percentage of cases with zero children.

100% ■ Both Current Support and **Arrears** 80% 39.7% 42.7% 43.0% 43.9% ■ Arrears Only 60% 21.2% 19.2% 21.1% 19.1% 40% ■ Current Support Only 13.8% 16.0% 14.6% 14.3% 20% ■ No Support Orders 25.3% 22.4% 21.9% 21.8% 0% 2010 2012 2014 2016

Figure 3. Type of Support Order

Note: Support orders are as of July of each year.

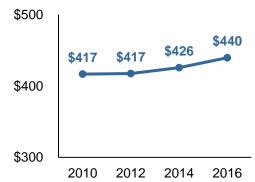
### **Current Support**

Courts establish current support orders using a set of guidelines that determine the amount of monetary support a noncustodial parent owes to the custodian. As seen in Figure 4, the average monthly current support order in July 2016 was \$440. From 2010 to 2016, the average order amount increased by less than \$25 with the largest increase (\$14) occurring between 2014 and 2016.

Since cases can undergo change over time not evident in a one-month snapshot, in Figure 5, we also examine the amount of current support due over one year. In the year prior to July 2016, over 60% of child support cases in the sample had an order for current support at some point. This percentage rose slightly over time, from 57.7% in the year prior to 2010 to 62.6% in the year prior to 2016. In the latest sample, Baltimore City had the lowest percentage of cases with current support orders in the prior year (40.4%), while Washington County had the highest (80.8%).

The average amount of current support due was about \$4,800 over the year, a small increase from the average yearly amount due (\$4,688) in the year before July 2014. From 2010 to 2016, the average amount of current support due in the prior year rose by about \$300. Across the state, the average yearly current support due in 2016 ranged from about \$3,000 (Dorchester and Somerset Counties) to about \$6,500 (Howard County).

Figure 4. Average Monthly Current Support Order\*\*\*



**Note**: Dollar figures are standardized to 2016 dollars and are representative of the order amount in July of each year.

In the Previous Year 100% \$6,000 \$4,821 \$4,688 \$5.000 \$4,503 \$4,496 80% 63.0% 62.6% \$4,000 60.6% 57.7% 60% \$3,000 40% \$2,000 20% \$1,000 0% \$0 2010 2012 2014 2016 ■ Percent with Current Support Due

Figure 5. Percent of Cases with Current Support Due and Average Annual Amount Due

**Note:** Dollar figures are standardized to 2016 dollars. The previous year refers to the 12 months before July of each year. For example, the year prior to 2016 refers to July 2015 through June 2016.

Average Amount of Current Support Due\*\*\*

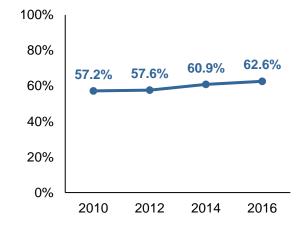
Current support payments can make up a substantial percentage of a family's income, especially for low-income families (Sorensen, 2010). One study shows that average child support payments made up two thirds of the average income of poor families who received support payments in 2011 (Grall, 2013). Figure 6 provides the average percentage of current support received by cases with a current support order over a one-year period. In the year prior to July 2016, an average of 62.6% of all current support due was received by cases with current support orders.

The average percentage of current support paid increased slightly over time, from 57.2% in 2010 to 62.6% in 2016. The average percentage paid per case was about 70% in Harford (70.4%) and Talbot (70.3%) Counties. Conversely, in Kent

County, the average percentage paid was only 52.7%.

# Figure 6. Average Percent of Current Support Paid\*\*\*

In the Previous Year



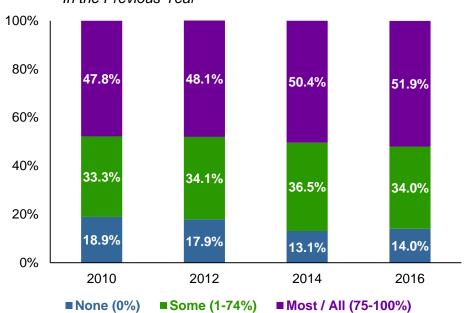
**Note**: The previous year refers to the 12 months before July of each year. For example, the year prior to 2016 refers to July 2015 through June 2016.

The vast majority of cases in Maryland, over 85%, had at least one current support payment in the previous year, as shown in Figure 7. In the year before 2016, half (51.9%) of cases with current support orders received 75% or more of the amount due. The percentage of cases in this category has increased slightly in every year since 2010. Conversely, only 14.0% of cases with current support orders had no payments to current support in the year

prior to July 2016, a percentage that has declined in every year since 2010.

Kent County (19.3%), Anne Arundel County (17.6%), and Baltimore City (17.5%) had the highest percentages of cases without a current support payment in the year prior to July 2016. Allegany County had the highest percentage of cases (60.7%) receiving 75% or more of current support.

Figure 7. Percent of Current Support Paid
In the Previous Year



**Note**: The previous year refers to the 12 months before July of each year. For example, the year prior to 2016 refers to July 2015 through June 2016.

### **Arrears**

Arrears accumulate from unpaid current support obligations. Cases may be owed arrears alongside current support payments, or cases may only be owed arrears. Over 60% (62.2%) of cases in the 2016 sample had an arrears order (see Figure 3). Figure

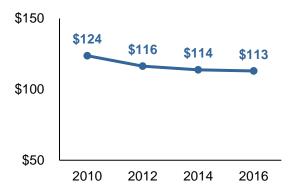
8 shows that the average monthly arrears order amount in July 2016 was \$113, almost exactly the same as in July 2014, although it has declined in each year since 2010 (from \$124 to \$113). Among jurisdictions, the average monthly arrears order ranged from \$54 in Allegany County to \$152 in Howard County.

Not all cases with a past-due balance have an active monthly arrears *order*, as orders must be established by the courts.

Regardless of whether an arrears order has been established, the child support agency tracks past-due payments, which accrue into an arrears balance. The percentage of cases with an arrears balance has been about 65% in every year, as shown in Figure 9. In 2016, Baltimore City had the lowest percentage of cases with an arrears balance (58.0%). Worcester County had the highest percentage of cases with an arrears balance, at 78.8%. Statewide, the median arrears balance in 2016 was \$5,684, declining slightly over time from a median balance of \$6,153 in 2010. Among jurisdictions, the median arrears balance in

2016 ranged from \$1,345 in Washington County to \$7,989 in Baltimore City.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 8. Average Monthly Arrears
Order\*



**Note**: Dollar figures are standardized to 2016 dollars and are representative of the order amount in July of each year.

100% \$7,000 \$6,153 \$5,684 \$6,000 \$5,525 \$5,404 80% \$5,000 66.3% 65.5% 65.1% 64.9% 60% \$4,000 \$3,000 40% \$2,000 20% \$1,000 \$0 0% 2010 2012 2016 2014 Percent with an Arrears Balance Median Arrears Amount

Figure 9. Percent of Cases with an Arrears Balance and Median Arrears Amount

**Note**: Median arrears balances are a more accurate representation of the typical arrears balance amount, because they are not skewed by extremely high or low values. Dollar figures are standardized to 2016 dollars and are representative of the arrears balance in July of each year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The median represents the mid-point of the data; half of cases had arrears balances above the median, and half had arrears balances below the median.

Arrears balances can be owed either to the custodial parent or to the state. Generally, unpaid child support is owed to the custodial parent, as 70% of all arrears are owed to the custodian. Arrears owed to the state are a result of unpaid current support while the custodial family received TCA benefits. Half of all states currently have policies that allow for passing some or all of child support payments on to families while they receive cash assistance benefits, but Maryland retains these payments as recompense for the expenses of the TCA benefit (National Council of State Legislatures, 2016).

In 2016, the median amount owed to the state was about \$3,000 less than the

median amount owed to custodial parents. as shown in Figure 10. The median amount owed to the state was \$2,272, compared to \$5,320 owed to custodians. The median amount owed to the state declined by 45% from \$4,186 in 2010 to \$2,272 in 2016. The amount owed to custodians also declined by 9% between 2010 and 2014 (from \$5,187 to \$4,729), but subsequently increased by 12% between 2014 and 2016. These changes have increased the gap in the amount of arrears owed to the state versus the amount owed to the custodian from \$1,000 in 2010 to \$3,000 in 2016. In every jurisdiction, the median amount owed to custodians was substantially higher than the median amount owed to the state.

\$6,000 \$5,320 \$5,187 \$4,851 \$4,729 \$5,000 \$4,000 \$4,186 \$3,000 \$3,280 \$2,806 \$2,000 \$2,272 \$1,000 \$0 2010 2012 2014 2016 State-Owed Arrears\*\*\* Custodian-Owed Arrears

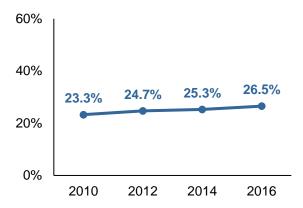
Figure 10. Median State-Owed and Custodian-Owed Arrears Balances

**Note**: Median arrears balances are a more accurate representation of the typical arrears balance amount, because they are not skewed by extremely high or low values. Dollar figures are standardized to 2016 dollars and are representative of the arrears balance in July of each year.

As shown previously, arrears balances can be in the thousands of dollars. Thus, many cases do not receive a large percentage of the balance during a one-year period. As Figure 11 shows, an average of 26.5% of arrears balances was paid in the year prior to July 2016. This percentage has increased slightly over time, by about three percentage points since 2010. In the year prior to July 2016, this percentage ranged from as high as 41.4% in Washington County to as low as 17.3% in Baltimore City.

Figure 11. Average Percent of Arrears Balance Paid\*\*\*

*In the previous year* 



**Note**: The previous year refers to the twelve months before July of each year. For example, the year prior to 2016 refers to July 2015 through June 2016.

Figure 12 shows that slightly more than a quarter (26.8%) of cases with arrears balances had no arrears payments in the year before July 2016, while the majority (73.2%) of cases had at least one payment towards arrears. Most commonly (42.9%), cases received 1% to 24% of their arrears balances, while 12.2% received 25% to 74%, and 18.1% received 75% or more.

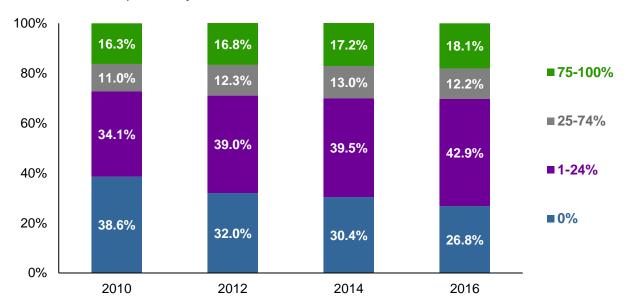
The percentage of cases with no arrears payments has fallen continuously since 2010, when it was 38.6% of cases. All other categories of payments have increased, with the largest growth in the category of cases receiving 1% to 24% of owed arrears. This category increased from 34.1% in 2010 to 42.9% in 2016.

Although arrears balances can be high, the cases that received higher percentages of arrears balances, 75% to 100%, are more likely to have smaller balances. For example, cases receiving 1% to 24% of arrears balances in the year before July 2016 had a median balance of just over \$10,000. Comparatively, cases that received 75% to 100% of arrears balances were owed a median of just \$434. Therefore, cases receiving a smaller percentage of the arrears balance may have actually received a larger payment amount than cases receiving a higher percentage of the balance.

As with all child support metrics, there is substantial jurisdictional variation in the percentage of the arrears balance paid. In the year prior to 2016, the highest percentages of cases receiving no arrears payments were in St. Mary's and Kent Counties (34.5%), while the lowest percentage was in Calvert County (18.1%). The highest percentage of cases receiving 75% or more of arrears balances was in Washington County (31.0%), while the lowest were in Baltimore City (9.5%), Anne Arundel County (13.4%), and Cecil County (13.4%).

Figure 12. Percent of Arrears Balance Paid\*\*\*

In the previous year



**Note**: The previous year refers to the 12 months before July of each year. For example, the year prior to 2016 refers to July 2015 through June 2016.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Maryland's child support program aims to ensure that both parents financially support their children, and it has continued to improve this outcome. While the number of child support cases has recently declined by 12%, the percentage of cases with support orders has increased as has the percentage of cases that received the support they were owed. The child support program is thus a valuable resource for many families.

For families to receive child support payments, an order for support must first be established. Between 2010 and 2016, the percentage of child support cases with an order for support increased from 75% to 78%. In particular, the percentage with an order for current support increased from 54% of the caseload to 59%. The growth in cases with a support order may be the result of more efficiency in the process through which paternity is determined and orders are established in the court system. It may also be the effect of targeted case closure processes that allow case managers to direct their resources to cases in which collections are possible.

The percentage of cases receiving a payment as well as the percentage paid have also improved over time. The percentage of cases receiving current support payments increased from 81% in 2010 to 86% in 2016, and the percentage that was paid increased from 57% to 63%. The percentage of cases that received an arrears payment also improved—from 61% in 2010 to 73% in 2016. The percentage of the arrears balance that was paid in each vear has increased as well, from 23% to 27%. These improvements in current support and arrears payments may be the result of several factors, including courts establishing orders that are more aligned with the ability of noncustodial parents to pay and improved enforcement by local child support agencies.

More current support and arrears payments mean more Maryland families have the necessary income to support their children. The Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration is well positioned to continue improving outcomes for Maryland families into the future. We hope that the data presented in this report and in the jurisdictional profiles in the appendix help policymakers accomplish this goal.

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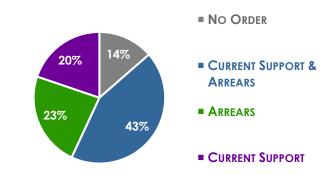
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# **ALLEGANY COUNTY**

1.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

86% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



**AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:** 

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$357** 

ARREARS: \$54

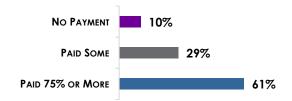
**TOTAL: \$302** 

69% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,903

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$3,419** 

CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



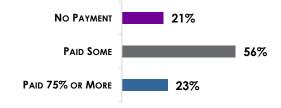
31% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,096

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,403

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$1,952

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$362

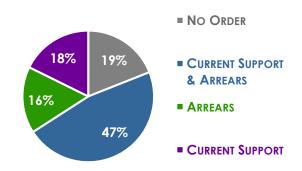




# **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

6.7% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

81% of child support cases had an active support order in July 2016.



**AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:** 

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$470** 

**ARREARS: \$142** 

**TOTAL: \$486** 

59% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,282

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,352** 

CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



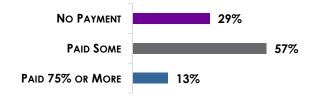
23% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$7,468

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$3,573

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$7,440

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$785

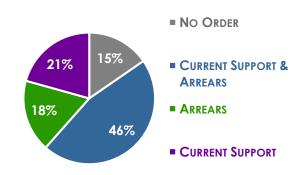




# **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

10.3% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

85% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$490** 

**ARREARS: \$133** 

**TOTAL: \$487** 

62% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,356** 

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,408** 

CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



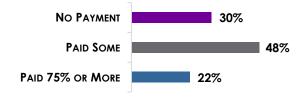
28% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$6,711

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,870

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$6,720

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$569

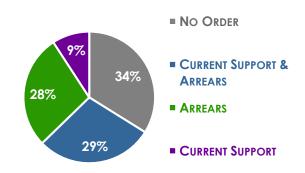




# **BALTIMORE CITY**

26.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

66% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$305** 

**ARREARS: \$103** 

**TOTAL: \$265** 

58% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,394

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,747

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



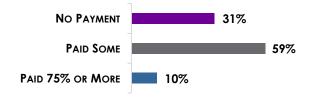
17% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$7,989

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$2,932

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$7,480

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$732

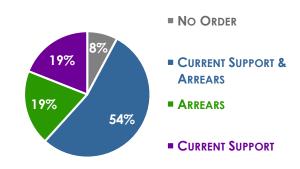




# **CALVERT COUNTY**

1.2% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

92% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$573** 

**ARREARS: \$133** 

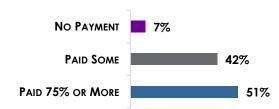
**TOTAL: \$559** 

65% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$6,172

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,993

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



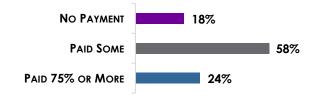
35% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$4,120

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,583

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$4,293

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$764

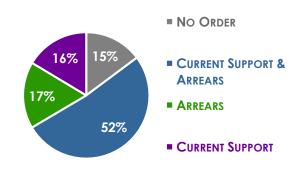




# **CAROLINE COUNTY**

0.7% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

85% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$343** 

ARREARS: \$82

**TOTAL: \$341** 

58% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,532

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,775** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



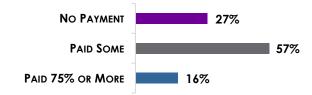
24% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,225

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,643

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$3,097

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$389

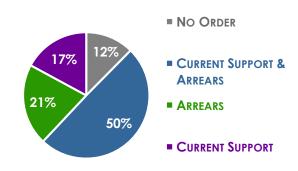




# **CARROLL COUNTY**

1.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

88% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$489** 

ARREARS: \$91

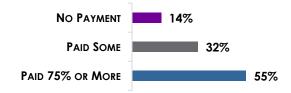
**TOTAL: \$445** 

64% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,395

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,718** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



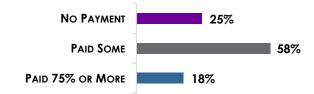
26% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$4,206

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$2,113

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$4,840

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$557

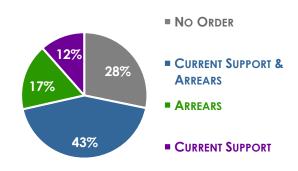




# **CECIL COUNTY**

1.8% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

72% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$409** 

ARREARS: \$97

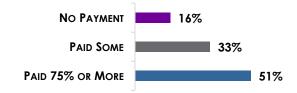
**TOTAL: \$394** 

60% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$4,518** 

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$3,613

#### CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



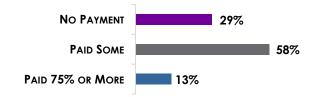
21% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$6,020

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$2,103

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$6,020

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$539

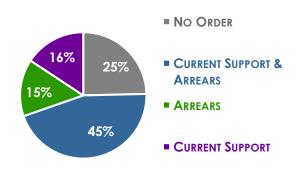




# **CHARLES COUNTY**

3.2% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

75% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$483** 

**ARREARS: \$106** 

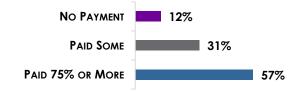
**TOTAL: \$473** 

66% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,246

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,357** 

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



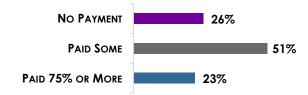
30% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$4,863

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,460

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$5,104

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$646

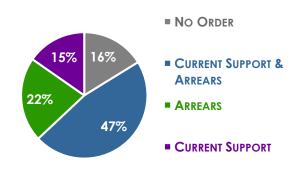




# **DORCHESTER COUNTY**

1.1% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

84% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$277** 

ARREARS: \$84

**TOTAL: \$274** 

57% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$2,913

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,140** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



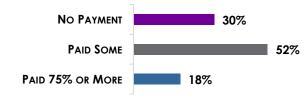
25% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,730

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,694

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,695

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$403

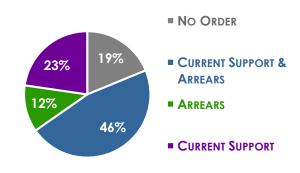




# FREDERICK COUNTY

2.5% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

81% of child support cases had an active support order in July 2016.



**AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:** 

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$391** 

ARREARS: \$98

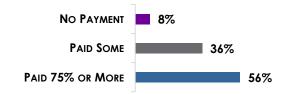
**TOTAL: \$403** 

68% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$4,338

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$3,559** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



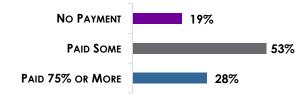
37% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,709

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,472

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,425

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$565

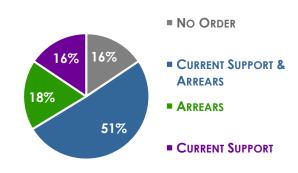




# **GARRETT COUNTY**

0.5% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

84% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$368** 

**ARREARS: \$103** 

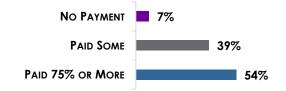
**TOTAL: \$373** 

64% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,993

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,965

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



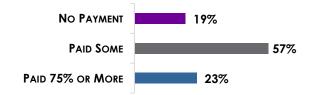
35% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,119

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$2,089

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,670

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$646

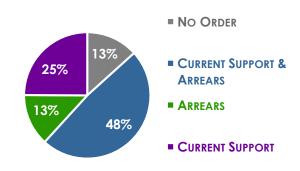




# HARFORD COUNTY

2.9% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

87% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$440** 

ARREARS: \$99

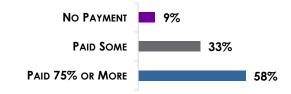
**TOTAL: \$443** 

70% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$4,940

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,335** 

#### CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



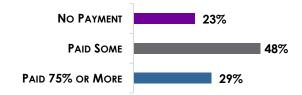
37% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,333

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,080

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,313

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$600

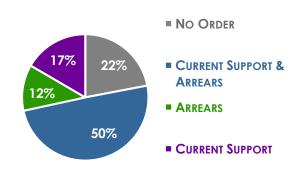




# **HOWARD COUNTY**

2.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

78% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



**AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:** 

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$618** 

**ARREARS: \$152** 

**TOTAL: \$644** 

63% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$6,558

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$5,306** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



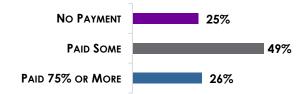
33% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$6,394

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,982

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$5,614

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$1,062

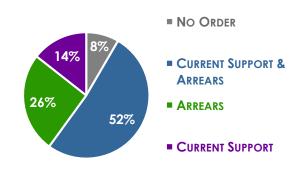




# **KENT COUNTY**

0.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

92% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$376** 

ARREARS: \$92

**TOTAL: \$348** 

53% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$4,273

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$3,417** 

### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



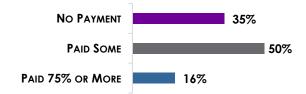
23% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$4,640

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,904

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$3,543

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$375

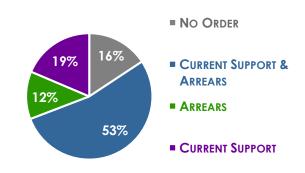




# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

8.5% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

84% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$520** 

**ARREARS: \$120** 

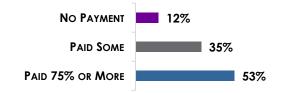
**TOTAL: \$538** 

64% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,563

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,497** 

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



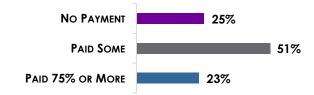
31% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,935

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,130

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$3,793

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$679

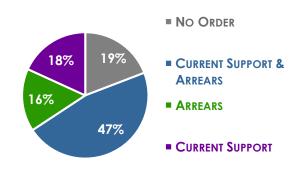




# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

18.7% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

81% of child support cases had an active support order in July 2016.



### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$503** 

**ARREARS: \$124** 

**TOTAL: \$500** 

65% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,554

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,682** 

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



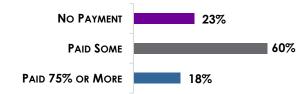
28% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$5,889

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$2,172

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$5,681

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$718

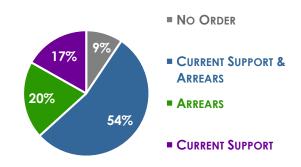




# **QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

0.6% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

91% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$520** 

**ARREARS: \$131** 

**TOTAL: \$512** 

62% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,785

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,608

#### **CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:**



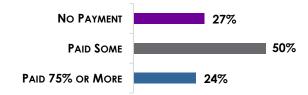
32% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,655

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,591

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$3,746

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$592

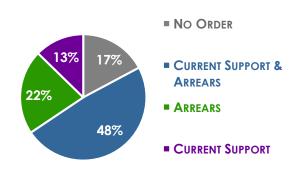




# **SOMERSET COUNTY**

0.9% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

83% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$271** 

ARREARS: \$94

**TOTAL: \$280** 

55% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$2,940

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,187

#### CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



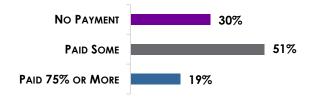
27% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,514

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,857

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,179

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$316

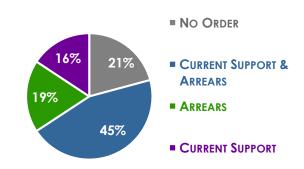




# St. MARY'S COUNTY

2.4% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

79% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$458** 

**ARREARS: \$126** 

**TOTAL: \$452** 

57% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$5,144

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$4,004

### CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:



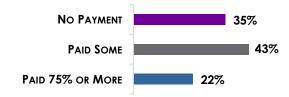
29% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$4,984

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,879

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$4,579

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$678

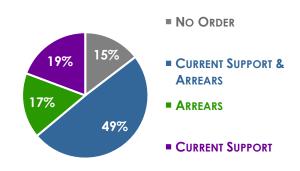




# **TALBOT COUNTY**

0.5% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

85% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$392** 

ARREARS: \$94

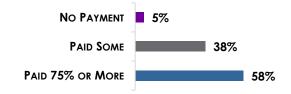
**TOTAL: \$388** 

70% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$4,463

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$3,664

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



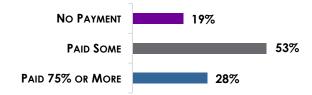
39% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,643

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,519

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,025

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$616

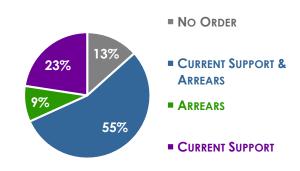




# **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

2.8% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

87% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$326** 

ARREARS: \$57

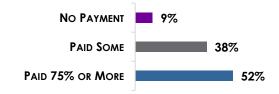
**TOTAL: \$334** 

64% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,619

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,989

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



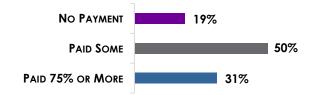
41% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$1,345

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$767

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$1,221

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$430

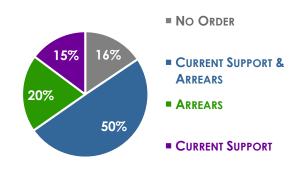




# **WICOMICO COUNTY**

2.1% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

84% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



**AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:** 

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$309** 

ARREARS: \$76

**TOTAL: \$299** 

59% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,212** 

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,358** 

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



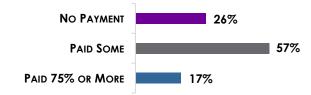
25% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$3,682

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,867

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$3,123

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$395

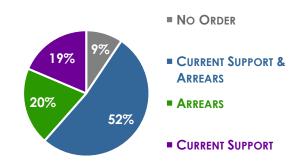




# **WORCESTER COUNTY**

0.8% OF MARYLAND'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD

91% OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES HAD AN ACTIVE SUPPORT ORDER IN JULY 2016.



#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY SUPPORT ORDER AMOUNTS:**

**CURRENT SUPPORT: \$298** 

ARREARS: \$92

**TOTAL: \$305** 

61% OF CURRENT SUPPORT WAS PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT DUE: \$3,190

**AVERAGE CURRENT SUPPORT PAID: \$2,395** 

**CASES WITH CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** 



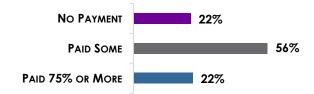
32% OF ARREARS BALANCES WERE PAID, ON AVERAGE, FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016.

MEDIAN TOTAL ARREARS BALANCE: \$2,584

MEDIAN OWED TO STATE: \$1,671

MEDIAN OWED TO CUSTODIAL PARENT: \$2,185

MEDIAN ARREARS PAYMENT: \$450







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