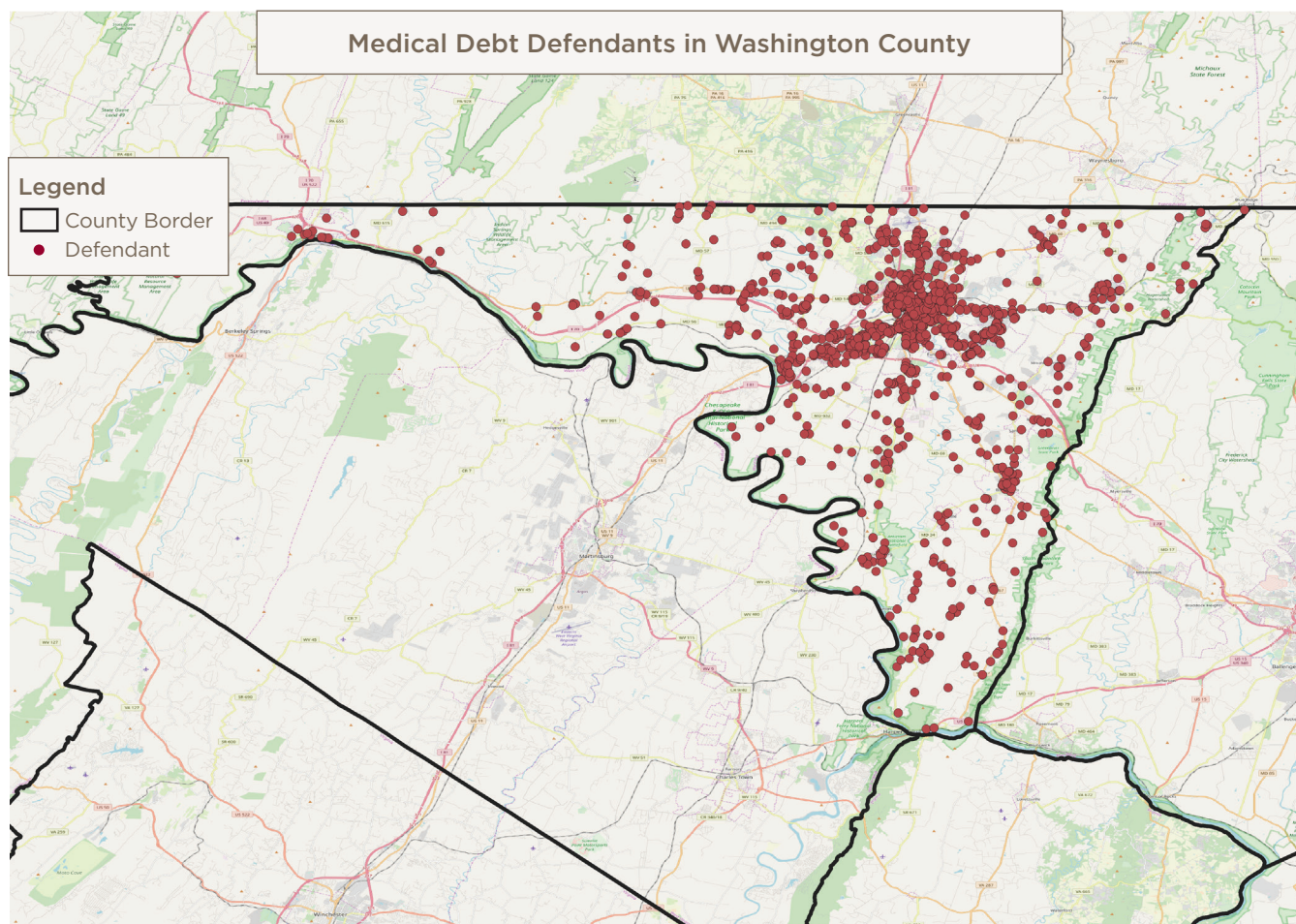


# WASHINGTON COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT LAWSUITS 2009 – 2018

## Medical Debt Lawsuits Filed Against County Residents<sup>1</sup>

Total medical debt lawsuits	2,271
Total amount of medical debt sought through lawsuits	\$6,446,741
Median amount of medical debt per lawsuit (meaning half the lawsuits were for less and half were for more)	\$1,491
Total cases involving wage and property garnishments	741
Total amount sought through garnishments	\$1,766,314

## Where Medical Debt Lawsuit Defendants Live



## Hospitals Filing Medical Debt Lawsuits Against County Residents

Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
Meritus Medical Center		1,868	\$5,279,385	\$1,528	684	\$1,620,823
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	122	\$574,039	\$1,756	14	\$40,166
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	50	\$92,969	\$1,377	7	\$11,430
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	48	\$112,540	\$1,030	1	\$3,325
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	33	\$50,841	\$1,075	10	\$15,194
Greater Baltimore Medical Center		26	\$23,626	\$732	7	\$8,758
Mercy Medical Center		22	\$27,107	\$1,125	3	\$5,598
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	15	\$19,170	\$1,070		
Frederick Regional Health System		9	\$36,854	\$1,821	2	\$11,935
University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute	University of Maryland Medical System	9	\$42,830	\$2,268		
MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center	MedStar Health	8	\$10,011	\$600	3	\$8,180
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		8	\$19,909	\$318	3	\$18,431
Carroll Hospital Center	LifeBridge Health	7	\$6,764	\$831		
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	MedStar Health	7	\$13,033	\$1,259	1	\$3,322
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	Johns Hopkins Health System	6	\$6,817	\$650	1	\$1,300
Atlantic General Hospital		4	\$1,638	\$410		
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center	MedStar Health	4	\$29,326	\$7,596	2	\$15,192
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	4	\$1,563	\$-		
University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus	University of Maryland Medical System	3	\$11,800	\$1,437		
Johns Hopkins Howard County General Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	2	\$2,302	\$1,151	1	\$1,095
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	2	\$2,511	\$1,256	1	\$826

Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
Northwest Hospital	LifeBridge Health	2	\$1,561	\$781		
University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	2	\$2,774	\$1,387	1	\$742
University of Maryland Medical System (only system info reported)	University of Maryland Medical System	2	\$55,196	\$27,598		
Anne Arundel Medical Center		1	\$9,294	\$9,294		
CalvertHealth Medical Center		1	\$-			
Garrett Regional Medical Center		1	\$2,232	\$2,232		
Holy Cross Hospital	Trinity Health	1	\$2,074	\$2,074		
MedStar Harbor Hospital	MedStar Health	1	\$3,650	\$3,650		
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center	MedStar Health	1	\$2,943	\$2,943		
Saint Agnes Healthcare	Ascension Healthcare	1	\$803	\$803		
University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$1,179	\$1,179		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2271</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>\$6,446,741</b>	<b>\$1,491</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>\$1,766,314</b>

## County Information<sup>2</sup>

Total Population	Individuals Living in Poverty	Children Living in Poverty	Median Household Income	Individuals Without Health Insurance	Unemployed	White	African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian
140,774	18,045	6,158	\$58,260	9,830	4,898	116,588	11,358	6,101	2,576

## Medical Debt Lawsuits Victimize Low-Wage Workers

Top four private-sector employers for wage garnishment victims:

- First Data
- Citicorp
- Walmart
- McDonalds

## Medical Debt Lawsuits Victimize Public Workers

Top three public-sector employers for wage garnishment victims:

- Public Schools
- State of Maryland
- Federal Government Agencies

## Share of County Residents with Medical Debt in Collections<sup>3</sup>

- Overall: 26%
- White communities: 25%
- Communities of color: NA

## Executive Compensation for Top Hospitals Suing County Residents: Last Five Years<sup>4</sup>

Hospital Name	System	Total Executive Compensation	Number of Annual Payments to Executives	Number of Individual Executives	Number of Annual Payments More Than \$1 Million	Total Number of Payments That Put Executives in Maryland's Top 1%
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$80,154,293	79	26	21	76
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	\$63,282,197	69	28	29	53
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	\$45,245,523	81	32	7	32
Meritus Medical Center		\$37,873,802	96	40	3	28

## Net Income for Top Hospitals Filing Medical Debt Lawsuits in County: 2009 - 2018<sup>5</sup>

Hospital Name	System	Total Operating Revenues	Net Income
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$ 12,606,743,000.00	\$692,657,000
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	\$ 7,041,203,651.00	\$362,900,864
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	\$ 2,722,053,000.00	\$182,209,000
Meritus Medical Center		\$ 2,925,273,483.00	\$112,378,018

## Profiting from Charity Rate Support<sup>6</sup>: Charity Rate Support Levels for the Top Hospitals Suing County Residents for Medical Debt, 2014 - 2018

Hospital name	System	Charity Care Provided — Last Five Years	Charity Care Rate Support Total — Last Five Years	Charity Care Rate Support Surplus*: Last Five Years	Rank: Largest Surplus* of Charity Rate Support
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$179,526,226	\$205,952,948	\$26,426,722	2
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	\$19,442,300	\$23,295,770	\$3,853,470	10
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	\$35,393,023	\$37,959,583	\$2,566,560	18
Meritus Medical Center		\$26,239,837	\$27,128,163	\$888,326	27

\*Amount received in excess of charity provided.

## Charity Care Denial Rates for the Top Hospitals Suing County Residents for Medical Debt: 2017 - 2018<sup>7</sup>

Hospital name	System	Licensed Beds	Application for Financial Assistance Received	Application for Financial Assistance Approved	Application for Financial Assistance Denied	Percent Denied
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	230	688	374	314	45.60%
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	751	1,707	1,237	470	27.50%
Meritus Medical Center		257	4,564	3,473	1,091	23.90%
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	448	3,278	3,268	10	0.30%

## Endnotes

- 1 All data based on the following source except where noted: Analysis of the case records of the Maryland Judiciary, available here: Maryland Judiciary Case Search Disclaimer: <http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/casesearch/inquiry-index.jsp>
- 2 U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.
- 3 Debt in America: An Interactive Map. The Urban Institute. [https://apps.urban.org/features/debt-interactive-map/?type=auto&variable=autoopen\\_pct](https://apps.urban.org/features/debt-interactive-map/?type=auto&variable=autoopen_pct). Accessed 12/13/2019.
- 4 Source: Executive compensation was found on IRS Form 990 for appropriate years. Note: Multi-hospital systems often report the same executives on multiple 990 forms for individual hospitals.
- 5 Financial Information from audited financial reports, appropriate years.
- 6 Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Community Benefits Program, Maryland Hospital Community Benefit Financial Report: FY 2014 – 2018.
- 7 Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Annual Report of Revenue, Expenses, and Volumes, Supplemental Schedule VIII Debt Collection/Financial Assistance Report, <https://hscrc.state.md.us/Pages/ar-rev.aspx>