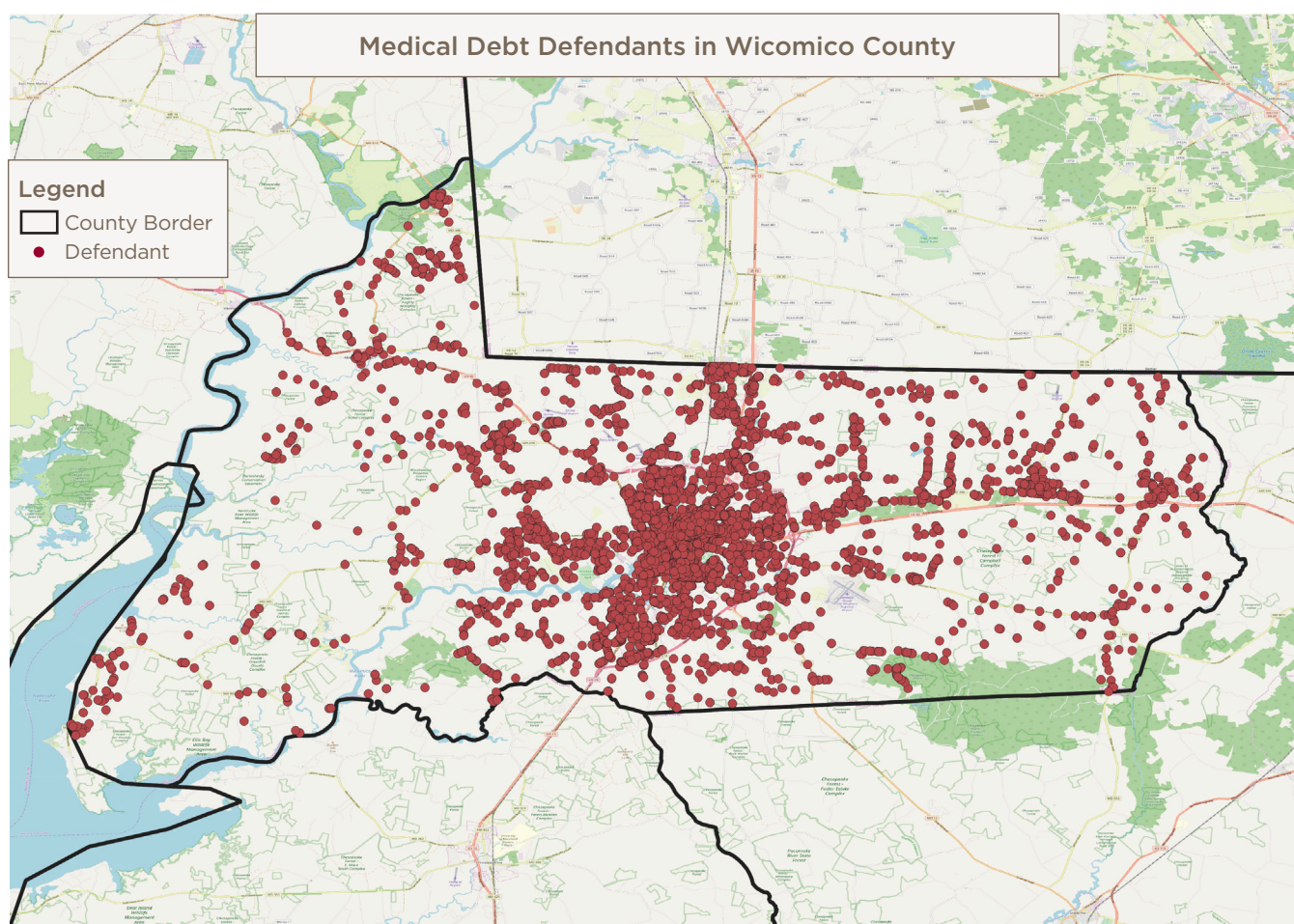


# WICOMICO COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT LAWSUITS 2009 – 2018

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

Total medical debt lawsuits	14,617
Total amount of medical debt sought through lawsuits	\$15,987,917
Median amount of medical debt per lawsuit (meaning half the lawsuits were for less and half were for more)	\$496
Total cases involving wage and property garnishments	7,102
Total amount sought through garnishments	\$6,992,859

## 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
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		14,052	\$14,832,190	\$488	6,973	\$6,821,873
Atlantic General Hospital		305	\$221,071	\$435	100	\$86,739
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	106	\$196,124	\$952	1	\$1,562
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	68	\$573,120	\$2,806	12	\$63,627
Greater Baltimore Medical Center		20	\$26,309	\$681	3	\$9,759
Mercy Medical Center		13	\$18,549	\$1,089	1	\$620
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	10	\$17,452	\$2,054		
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	9	\$7,619	\$683	4	\$2,964
McCready Health		3	\$260	\$86	2	\$160
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	3	\$2,886	\$764	1	\$764
University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus	University of Maryland Medical System	3	\$9,581	\$3,590		
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	Johns Hopkins Health System	2	\$1,469	\$734		
MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center	MedStar Health	2	\$3,096	\$1,548	1	\$2,084
MedStar St. Mary's Hospital	MedStar Health	2	\$854	\$427		
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	MedStar Health	2	\$2,572	\$1,286		
Northwest Hospital	LifeBridge Health	2	\$23,476	\$11,738		
Saint Agnes Healthcare	Ascension Healthcare	2	\$6,349	\$3,175		
University of Maryland Capital Region Health at Laurel Regional and Prince George's Hospital	University of Maryland Medical System	2	\$1,748	\$874	1	\$546
Anne Arundel Medical Center		1	\$4,257	\$4,257		
CalvertHealth Medical Center		1	\$729	\$729	1	\$729
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	1	\$14,556	\$14,556		

Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
LifeBridge Health (only system info reported)	LifeBridge Health	1	\$1,750	\$1,750		
MedStar Harbor Hospital	MedStar Health	1	\$304	\$304	1	\$304
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center	MedStar Health	1	\$1,193	\$1,193		
Meritus Medical Center		1	\$1,128	\$1,128	1	\$1,128
University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$607	\$607		
University of Maryland Medical System (only system info reported)	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$17,623	\$17,623		
University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$1,042	\$1,042		
University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$0	\$0		
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,617</b>	<b>\$15,987,917</b>	<b>\$496</b>	<b>\$7,102</b>	<b>\$6,992,859</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
98,209	15,602	4,640	\$54,493	8,394	4,069	62,544	25,098	4,822	3,291

## Medical Debt Lawsuits Victimize Low-Wage Workers

### Top three private-sector employers for wage garnishment victims:

- Perdue Farms, Inc.
- Peninsula Regional Medical Center
- Walmart

## 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: 22%
- White communities: 22%
- 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 Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$77,409,189	117	44	15	41
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		\$45,302,065	73	22	6	47
Atlantic General Hospital		\$21,481,228	48	16	1	23

## 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 Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$2,742,438,118	\$235,973,997
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		\$3,820,391,618	\$170,382,018
Atlantic General Hospital		\$1,007,127,955	\$19,584,718

## 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
Atlantic General Hospital		\$14,961,755	\$15,191,893	\$230,138	32
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		\$43,627,300	\$43,529,033	-\$98,267	34
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$27,420,183	\$25,371,100	-\$2,049,083	39

\*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
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	214	1,607	1,045	562	35.0%
Atlantic General Hospital*		48	599	466	133	22.2%
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		289	4,702	4,686	16	0.3%

\*Only one year of data available.

## 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>