



O'MALLEY'S RECORD OF SUCCESS IN MARYLAND

MARYLAND AFRICAN-AMERICANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Maryland Ranked #2 In Median Income For Black Households. (Year: 2013, Source: Census)

- **Median Family Income For Black Households Rose From \$55,045 To \$57,907 From 2006 To 2013.**

Maryland Is In The Top 10 (#7) States For Lowest Black Unemployment (Year: 2014, Source: BLS)

Maryland Ranked #2 In Percentage Of Firms That Were Black-Owned. (Year: 2007, Source: [Census](#))

UNDER O'MALLEY, MARYLAND SCHOOLS WERE RANKED BEST IN THE NATION

Under O'Malley, Education Week Ranked Maryland's K-12 School System #1 Five Years In A Row, From 2008 To 2013. [Baltimore Sun, [1/10/13](#)]

Maryland's High School Graduation Rate For African American Students Rose From 74% To 80.5% From 2010 To 2014. [Maryland Department of Education's Maryland Report Card, accessed [2/2/15](#)]

O'Malley Signed Pre-K Expansion Bill Expanding Access To 1,600 Children. "Just hours after the General Assembly wrapped up its 90-day session, Gov. Martin O'Malley signed legislation Tuesday that will expand pre-kindergarten education and lift the "inherently dangerous" legal stigma from the pit bulls of Maryland. O'Malley, flanked by House Speaker Michael E. Busch and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, put his pen to a bill that will fund pre-K for an additional 1,600 low-income youngsters at a cost of \$4.3 million." [Baltimore Sun, [4/8/14](#)]

Under O'Malley, The Number Of African American Children Entering Kindergarten Fully Ready Rose 31%. In 2006, 61% of African American children in Maryland entered kindergarten fully ready, In 2013, 80% of African American kids entered kindergarten fully ready. [Maryland School Readiness Report, [2006-07](#) and [2013-14](#)]

Maryland Ranked #8 In African American NAEP Score Growth From 2007 To 2013. Combining the score increases from 4th grade math and reading, and 8th grade math and reading, Maryland would rank #8 in the nation for gains in NAEP scores for African-Americans.

- **2013: Maryland Ranked #2 In The Nation For NAEP 4th And 8th Grade Reading Scores For African Americans.**
- **2013: Maryland Ranked #7 In The Nation For NAEP 8th Grade Math Scores For African Americans.** [NAEP, accessed 5/5/15]

Maryland Ranked #16 In African American Graduation Rate, And Was Higher Than The National Average.

According to the Schott Foundation on Public Education, Maryland had a graduation rate for African-Americans at 66.3%. This is higher than the national average of 59%. Maryland ranked #16 in the nation. [Schott Foundation, Accessed [5/5/15](#)]

Maryland Ranked #4 In The Nation For Percentage Of Students Scoring 3 Or Higher On AP Assessments That Were African American. In 2013, 11.7% of Maryland AP exam takers scoring 3+ were African-American, which would ranked the state 4th in the nation. The United States average was 4.6%. [College Board, AP Report to the Nation, February 2014]

O'MALLEY PROTECTED AND EXPANDED EDUCATION FUNDING DESPITE A RECESSION

Baltimore Sun Editorial: "On The Whole, Though, Governor O'Malley Leaves A Legacy Of Maintaining Or Expanding Maryland's Investments In Education, Health Care, Environmental Protection And Transportation Infrastructure During The Most Trying Of Economic Times — And Of Making The Politically Unpopular Decisions Necessary To Support Them." [Baltimore Sun, Editorial, 1/15/14]



Maryland Increased Education Funding By 37% Under Governor O'Malley. [Maryland Department of Budget Management, FY2015 Budget Highlights, [1/15/14](#)]

Maryland Increased Funding For The State's Historically Black Institutions By 37%. Under O'Malley, Maryland increased state aid to the state's historically black institutions from \$146.5 million in FY07 to \$210.8 million in FY15 (both were under proposed budgets). [Maryland Department of Budget and Management, Proposed Budget [FY15](#), [FY07](#)]

O'MALLEY INCREASED HEALTH COVERAGE FOR MARYLANDERS, DROVE DOWN INFANT MORTALITY, CREATED HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES AND FOUGHT LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN

Under O'Malley, Combined Medicaid And CHIP Enrollment Was Expanded 95%, Bringing Health Care Coverage To A Total Of 1,318,781 Low-Income Marylanders. According to Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene budget documents, 676,931 Marylanders were enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP and PAC (an adult care program that would later be combined with Medicaid) in 2006. And according to the Maryland Health Connection in 2015; "As of Feb. 25, the total enrollment in Medicaid and the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) was 1,318,781.." [Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Fiscal 2006 Budget Overview, [3/1/08](#); Maryland Health Connection Enrollment Report, [3/9/15](#)]

Under Gov. O'Malley, The Infant Mortality Rate Decreased 17.6%, From 8.0 To 6.6, And 25% For The African American Community. According to Maryland's data on infant mortality, the infant mortality rate in Maryland dropped from 8.0 in 2007 to 6.6 in 2013. Total infant deaths dropped from 622 to 473. The African American infant mortality rate dropped 25%, from 14.0 to 10.5 in 2013. [Maryland Open Data Portal, Infant Mortality, accessed [2/4/15](#)]

O'Malley's Administration Created "Health Enterprise Zones" – A Program Dedicated To Reducing Health Disparities Giving Each Zone Funding That Can Be Used In Six Different Ways Offering Each Coalition Flexibility. "In the next month or so, Maryland will announce the location of its four Health Enterprise Zones (HEZs). It's a unique pilot program -- which is being carried out by Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown and the state health department -- dedicated to reducing health disparities among the economically disadvantaged...The state Legislature has allocated \$16 million over four years (\$4 million a year, for an average of \$1 million per zone per year) for the pilot. Here's where the zones get creative. The coalitions that receive funding can use that money for six purposes: state income tax credits, hiring tax credits, loan repayments (for medical school students, for example), capital improvement grants, priority in a state patient-centered medical home program and priority in a state program that provides finance assistance for electronic health records (EHR) adoption. The funding's flexibility helps groups tailor their program to their specific needs. If they need more primary-care doctors, hiring tax credits and loan repayments would be useful. If they need a better care infrastructure, capital improvement grants and EHR adoption might make more sense." [Governing Magazine, [12/18/12](#)]

O'MALLEY STRENGTHENED LEAD ABATEMENT STRATEGIES, AND REDUCED THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TESTING POSITIVE FOR LEAD POISONING BY 71%

From 1999 To 2006, The Number Of Children aged 0-72 months whose blood lead test results were equal to or greater than 10µg/dL in the City of Baltimore, Dropped 71%. [City of Baltimore Health Department, Press Release, [6/20/07](#)]

Lead Poising Positive Tests In Children Dropped 75% Under Governor O'Malley. In 2013, 0.3 percent of children (aged 0-72 months) tested with a BLL≥10 µg/dL. This was a drop from 1.2 percent of children in 2006. [Maryland Department of Environment, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Annual Report 2006, July [2007](#); Annual Report 2013, July [2014](#)]



O'MALLEY EXPANDED VOTING RIGHTS FOR MARYLANDERS

Governor O'Malley Signed Legislation That Restored Voting Rights To An Estimated 52,000 Former Felons.

Governor O'Malley signed legislation that allowed an "an individual convicted of any crime, with the exception of buying or selling votes, to register to vote if not actually serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation, for a felony conviction." [Maryland Legislature, Fiscal And Policy Note, SB488, [2007](#)] At the time, an estimated 110,000 people were previously declared ineligible to vote because of their felony access, and the law would restore the vote to 52,000 people. [Baltimore Sun, [7/3/07](#)]

2013: Governor O'Malley Signed Legislation Enabling For Same-Day Voter Registration During Early Voting, And Expanded Early Vote Sites And Hours.

"The legislation signed into law today successfully expands the early voting process in Maryland by adding early voting sites, extending hours and allowing more citizens to have access to absentee ballots. Early voting will be extended by two days and two hours for presidential elections and by two days for every other election. The bill also allows same-day voter registration during the early voting period so voters will be able to register and vote at the same time – increasing voter turnout and benefiting voters who may miss the voter registration deadline, and makes it easier and faster for voters to apply for and receive absentee ballots using a secure online application process." [Press Release, Governor O'Malley, [5/2/13](#); Maryland Legislature, Chapters 157 and 158, 2013]

O'MALLEY EXPANDED INCLUSION IN MARYLAND STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE COURTS

Maryland Raised Its Goals For Minority And Women-Owned Business State Contracting To 29%, After Achieving Its Goal Of 25% For The First Time In 2012.

"Maryland plans to steer to minority and women-owned businesses 29 percent of the nearly \$8 billion a year it spends on contracts, increasing a target that was already among the most aggressive in the nation, Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown said Monday. The new goal — an increase from the current 25 percent — would if attained have a profound impact on boosting minority-owned construction firms, IT contractors, engineers and other companies in Maryland that have historically struggled to land state government contracts, supporters said. Those firms received \$1.9 billion out of \$7.7 billion state government spent on contracts last year, according to state data. Officials said increasing the share of minority-owned businesses receiving contracts is possible in part because Maryland hit its 25 percent goal for the first time last year." [Baltimore Sun, [4/29/13](#)]

Under O'Malley, Government Contract Dollars Awarded To African American Businesses Increased 117%.

According to the Minority Business Enterprise 2013 report, state government contracts awarded to African Americans increased from \$206,206,524 in FY2007 to \$436,714,012. [Minority Business Enterprise Fiscal Year 2014 Report, accessed [6/1/15](#)]

O'Malley Appointed Judge Shirley Watts To The State's Court Of Appeals, The First African-American Woman Appointed To That Level.

"O'Malley elevated Court of Appeals Judge Mary Ellen Barbera to be chief — the highest-ranking judge in Maryland — and he appointed Court of Special Appeals Judge Shirley M. Watts to take the seat of retiring Chief Judge Robert M. Bell. If confirmed by the Senate, Watts would be the fourth woman on the seven-member court — the first time women would hold a majority in the court's more than two-century history. Watts also is the first African-American woman to be appointed to the court." [Baltimore Sun, [7/3/13](#)]

O'MALLEY PRESERVED AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The O'Malley Administration Created The African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program To Support The Acquisition, Construction And Capital Improvement Of Buildings And Communities Of Importance To The History Of African-Americans In Maryland.

"The African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) was established by the General Assembly in 2010 to provide capital grants to assist in the preservation of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. The AAHPP is administered as a partnership between the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC)." [Maryland Historic Trust, accessed [3/18/15](#)]



O'MALLEY'S ADMINISTRATION DROVE DOWN RECIDIVISM BY 15%

The O'Malley Administration Drove Down Recidivism Rates 15%. "Recidivism is down 15 percent since 2007-equivalent to over 1,700 fewer inmates returning to our prisons." The rate of recidivism dropped from 47% as part of the 2007 cohort, to 41% as part of the 2009 cohort. [StateStat, Re-Entry State, Accessed [12/15/14](#)]

- **Maryland State Incarcerated Were Fewer People Than Any Time Since 1995.** [Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Total End of Fiscal Year Population Sentenced Inmates (Corrections), [6/30/13](#) from the DPSCS Website, Accessed [12/15/14](#)]

Maryland Signed Legislation To "Ban The Box" For State Employers. "Maryland on Thursday became the ninth state to "ban the box," removing questions about criminal history from state job applications and postponing such questions until later in the hiring process. It is the latest sign that the nationwide movement to reduce unfair barriers to employment for people with criminal records is gaining momentum. The move by Governor Martin O'Malley to sign SB 4, which removes the criminal history question from state applications and defers the background check to later in the hiring process, comes just weeks after Kansas City became the 50th U.S. municipality to ban the box." [Press Release, National Employment Law Project, 5/6/13; Maryland Legislature, SB4, Session [2013](#)]

O'MALLEY REPEALED THE STATE'S DEATH PENALTY AND COMMUTED THE SENTENCES OF FOUR INMATES

Washington Post Editorial: Repealing The Death Penalty Was A "Major Achievement For Gov. Martin O'Malley, Who Pushed Hard For It." "MARYLAND IS SET to become the 18th state to scrap the death penalty, the sixth since 2007 and the first south of the Mason-Dixon line. The repeal, having now passed both houses of the General Assembly, is a major achievement for Gov. Martin O'Malley, who pushed hard for it, and for his fellow Democrats, who dominate the state -legislature. The measure replaces capital punishment with a life sentence without the possibility of parole; the governor is expected to sign the legislation in the coming weeks." [Editorial, Washington Post, [3/25/13](#)]

- **O'Malley Commuted Death Sentences Of Four Inmates Sentenced To Die Before Maryland Repealed The Death Penalty On Last Day In Office.** "Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley has officially commuted the death sentences of four inmates who had been sentenced to die before Maryland banned capital punishment in 2013." [Associated Press, [1/20/15](#)]

O'MALLEY DECRIMINALIZED THE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

O'Malley Signed Legislation Decriminalizing The Possession Of Less Than 10 Grams Of Marijuana, With Third-Time Offenders And Minors Required To Undergo A Clinical Assessment For Substance Abuse. "On Monday, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed two marijuana related bills into law. SB 364 decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of marijuana. The bill will make possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana a civil offense punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense, up to \$250 for a second offense, and up to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Third-time offenders and individuals under 21 years of age will be required to undergo a clinical assessment for substance abuse disorder and a drug education program." [WUSA9, [4/14/14](#)]