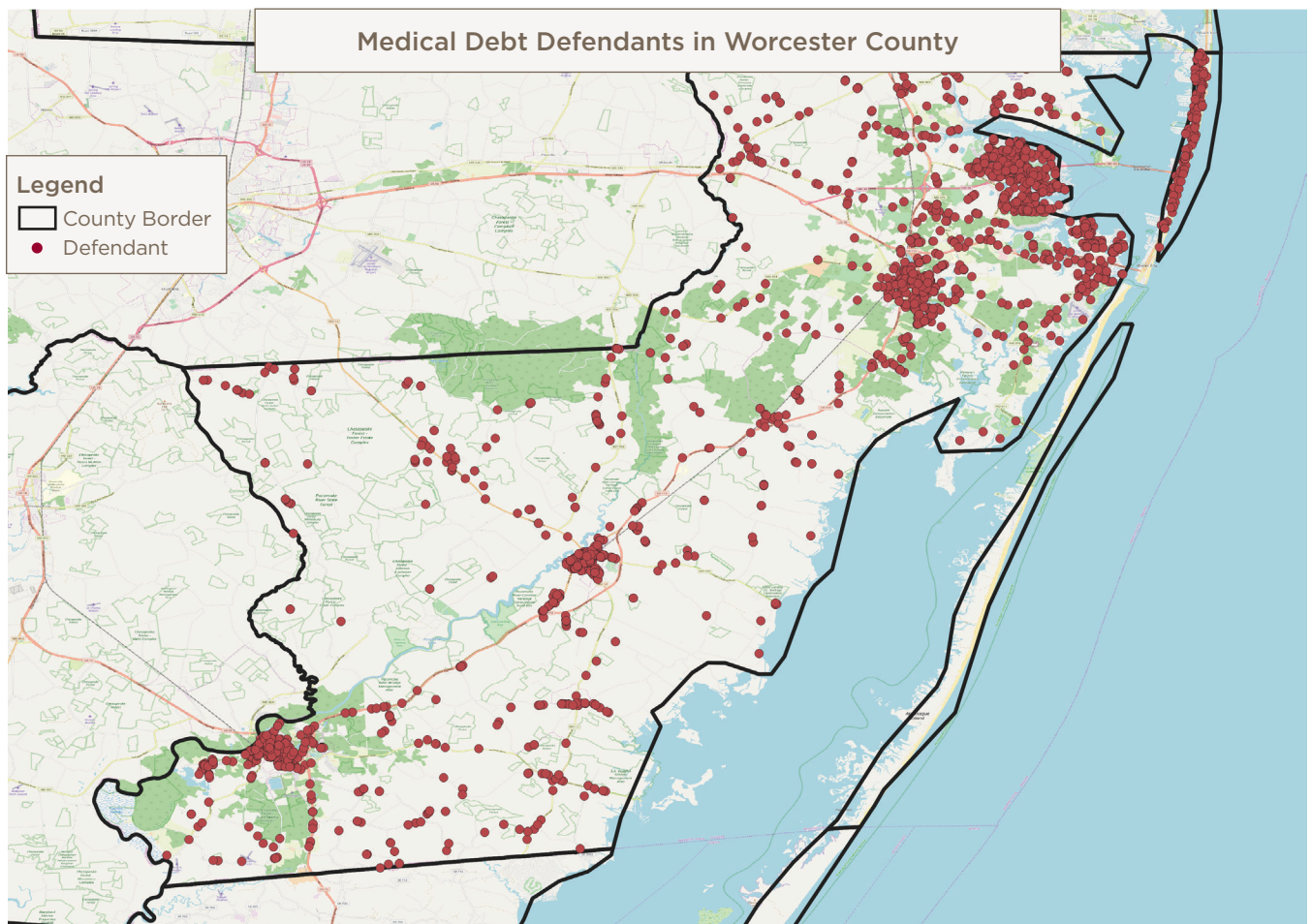# WORCESTER COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT LAWSUITS
2009 – 2018

Medical Debt Lawsuits Filed Against County Residents[1]

Total medical debt lawsuits	4,312
Total amount of medical debt sought through lawsuits	$5,324,206
Median amount of medical debt per lawsuit (meaning half the lawsuits were for less and half were for more)	$506
Total cases involving wage and property garnishments	1,716
Total amount sought through garnishments	$1,981,777

Where Medical Debt Lawsuit Defendants Live

Medical Debt Defendants in Worcester County

Legend
☐ County Border
● Defendant

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Hospitals Filing Medical Debt Lawsuits Against County Residents

Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		2,927	$3,472,139	$491	1,275	$1,483,151
Atlantic General Hospital		1,245	$1,353,483	$501	422	$455,096
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	36	$299,274	$4,203	4	$26,556
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	21	$81,315	$1,373		
Greater Baltimore Medical Center		18	$23,677	$783	3	$3,034
Mercy Medical Center		12	$17,367	$1,222		
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	10	$14,094	$1,887	1	$2,492
McCready Health		7	$2,293	$247	4	$1,488
Carroll Hospital Center	LifeBridge Health	5	$9,938	$1,484		
Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	5	$2,522	$363		
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	Johns Hopkins Health System	4	$5,160	$1,363	1	$1,926
MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center	MedStar Health	3	$5,753	$2,137	1	$2,765
Saint Agnes Healthcare	Ascension Healthcare	3	$1,605	$558		
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	2	$1,740	$870	1	$944
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	MedStar Health	2	$12,350	$6,175		
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	2	$9,360	$4,680		
University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	2	$2,647	$1,323		
CalvertHealth Medical Center		1	$2,762	$2,762		
Johns Hopkins Howard County General Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	1	$1,117	$1,117	1	$1,117
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center	MedStar Health	1	$859	$859		
Meritus Medical Center		1	$1,290	$1,290	1	$1,290

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Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
Northwest Hospital	LifeBridge Health	1	$613	$613	1	$613
Union Hospital		1	$522	$522		
University of Maryland Capital Region Health at Laurel Regional and Prince George's Hospital		1	$1,305	$1,305	1	$1,305
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center		1	$1,023	$1,023		
Total		**4,312**	**$5,324,206**	**$506**	**1,716**	**$1,981,777**

County Information[2]

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
50,831	5,228	1,341	$59,458	,752	1,841	40,871	6,773	1,631	709

Medical Debt Lawsuits Victimize Low-Wage Workers

Top three private-sector employers for wage garnishment victims:

• Walmart

• Perdue

• Tyson

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[3]

• Overall: 15%

• White communities: 14%

• Communities of color: NA

Executive Compensation for Top Hospitals Suing County Residents: Last Five Years[5]

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%
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[6]

Hospital Name	System	Total Operating Revenues	Net Income
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[4]: 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

*Amount received in excess of charity provided.

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Charity Care Denial Rates for the Top Hospitals Suing County Residents for Medical Debt: 2017 – 2018[7]

Hospital name	System	Licensed Beds	Application for Financial Assistance Received	Application for Financial Assistance Approved	Application for Financial Assistance Denied	Percent Denied
Atlantic General Hospital*		48	599	466	133	22.20%
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		289	4,702	4,686	16	0.30%

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. Accessed 12/13/2019.

4   Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Community Benefits Program, Maryland Hospital Community Benefit Financial Report: FY 2014 – 2018.

5   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.

6   Financial Information from audited financial reports, appropriate years.

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