Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Office of Workforce Information and Performance
Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning • Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

2018 ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT AND RATE BY COUNTY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Garrett 4.8%
Allegany 5.5%
Washington 4.3%
Frederick 3.2%
Baltimore 4.0%
Harford 4.4%
Cecil 3.5%
Howard 3.0%
Montgomery 3.2%
Anne Arundel 3.3%
Prince George’s 4.1%
Calvert 3.8%
Charles 3.9%
St. Mary’s 6.9%
Dorchester 5.2%
Baltimore City
Wicomico 3.7%
Queen Anne’s 3.3%
Caroline 3.8%
Somerset 8.0%
St. John’s 6.3%
Susquehanna 3.3%
Montgomery 3.2%
Howard 3.0%
Frederick 3.2%

WHAT IS THE LAUS PROGRAM?

Federal-State cooperative effort
Produces, by place of residence, monthly and annual averages of:
• Labor Force • Employment • Unemployment • Unemployment Rate

HOW IS LAUS DATA USED?

Federal government uses to allocate funds to states
State and local government uses for planning
Private sector uses data as an economic indicator
Academics use for research

HOW CAN I USE LAUS DATA?

Find out the unemployment rate for your county
Compare your state or county rate to neighboring areas or to the nation
Use in researching potential residence locations

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I GET THE DATA?

Data is available at:
http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/lmi/laus
http://www.bls.gov/lau/
State numbers are typically released 3rd Friday of the following month with area numbers the next week.

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