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Mapping Progress for Military & Veteran Families

Maryland Congressional District 1

Total Population
737,341

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50,109

Veterans
6.8% of total population

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3,247

Military Members
0.4% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	90.8%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	9.2%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 1 has **274,729** total households, **47,018** or **17.1%** of those are veteran households.

12,289

Veteran Dependents
Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

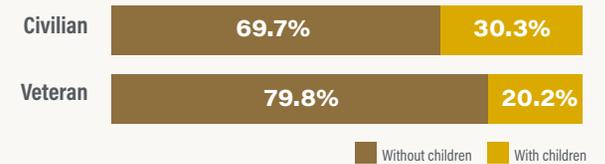
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Military Dependents
Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

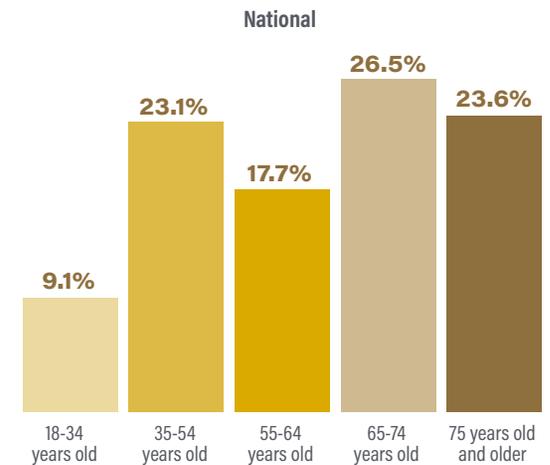
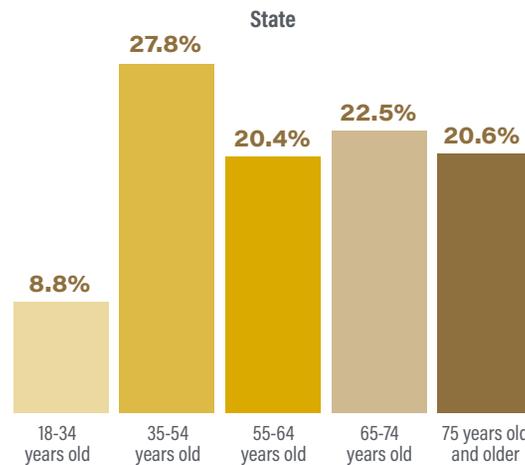
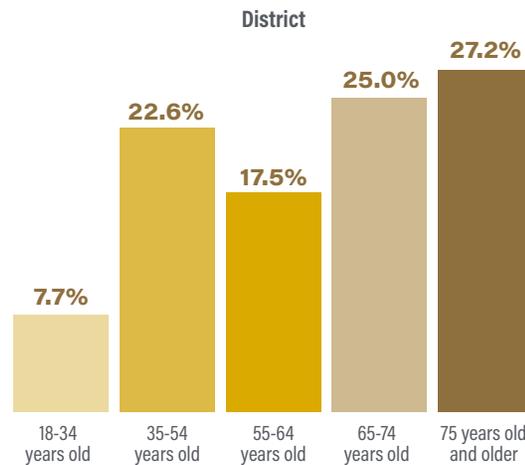
Disability

Civilians	12.5%
Veterans	20.9%

Households and Children



Veteran Population by Age



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Maryland Congressional District 1 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	9.4%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	4.7%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	11.1%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.4%	2.0%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	4.3%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	10.0%	9.9%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	24.0%	174,496

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, the counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, and Talbot in Congressional District 1 are defined as rural.

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Digital Divide Index Range

District	State
9.06-29.92	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

District	State
42-54	42-61

In Congressional District 1, the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester have livability scores that are below average. This indicates that these counties have scored lower on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

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Maryland Congressional District 2

Total Population
750,702

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46,916

Veterans

6.2% of total population

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4,799

Military Members

0.6% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	84.5%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	15.5%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 2 has **281,780** total households, **42,505** or **15.1%** of those are veteran households.

19,088

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

6,275

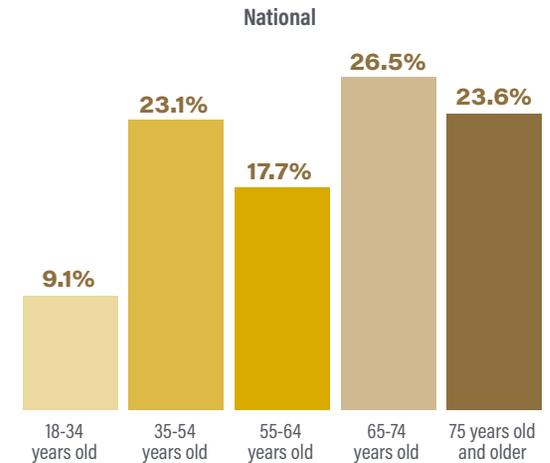
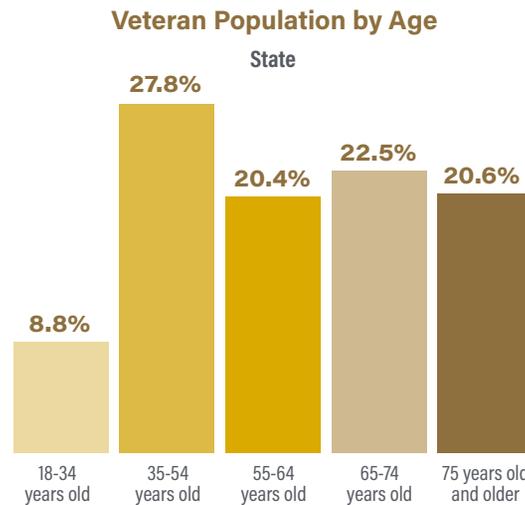
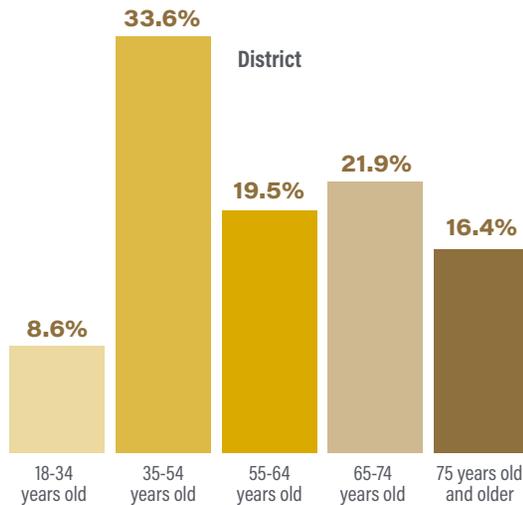
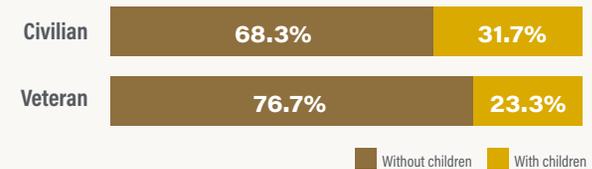
Military Dependents

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians	12.7%
Veterans	27.1%

Households and Children



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Maryland Congressional District 2 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	11.9%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	5.7%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	17.2%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	1.9%	2.0%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.6%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	9.7%	9.9%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	19%	141,803

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

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Digital Divide Index Range

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7.43-10.50	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

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50-61	42-61

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Maryland Congressional District 3

Total Population
779,502

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45,614

Veterans

5.9% of total population
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7,957

Military Members

1% of total population
Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	83.1%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	16.9%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 3 has **278,014** total households, **41,025** or **14.8%** of those are veteran households.

18,264

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

10,492

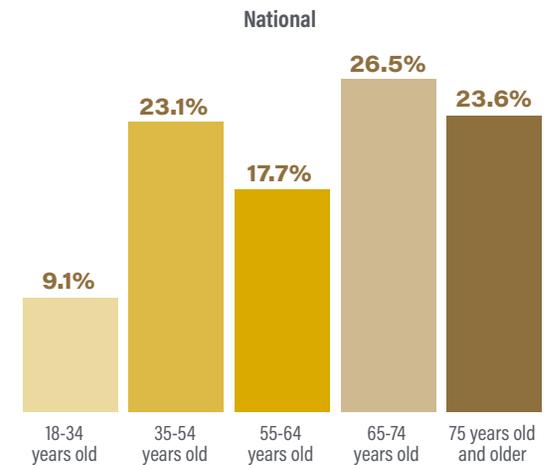
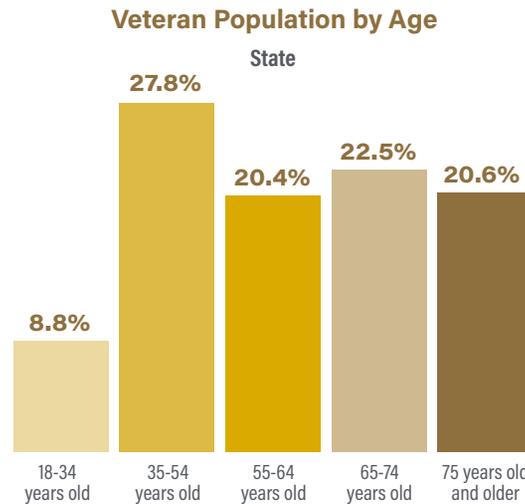
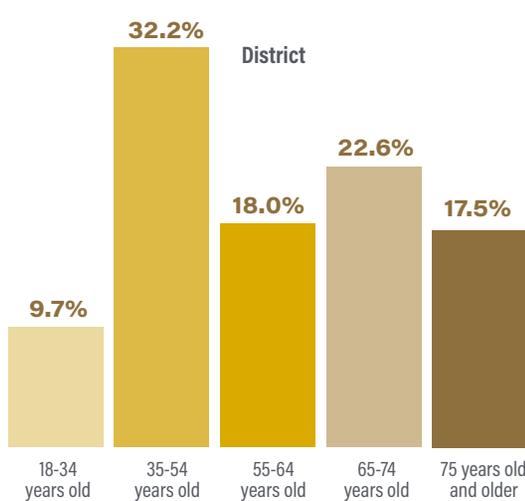
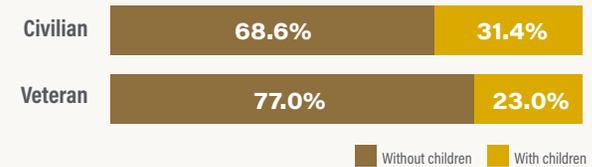
Military Dependents

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians	10.1%
Veterans	20.7%

Households and Children



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Maryland Congressional District 3 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	7.7%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	4.4%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	9.0%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	1.8%	2.0%	3.2%
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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	19.5%	145,382

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Total Population

758,795

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47,722

Veterans

6.3% of total population

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8,670

Military Members

1.1% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	85.2%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	14.8%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 4 has **263,324** total households, **41,658** or **15.8%** of those are veteran households.

18,383

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

11,095

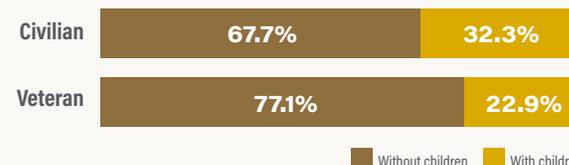
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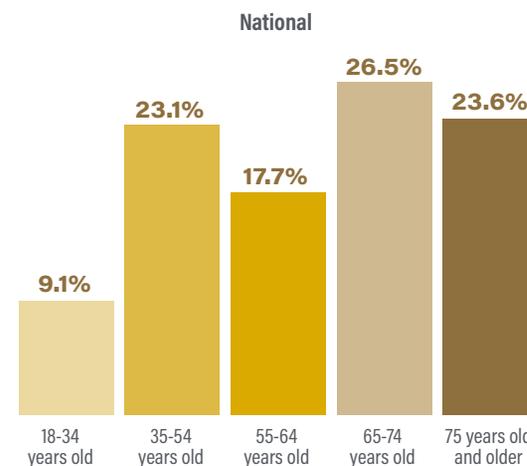
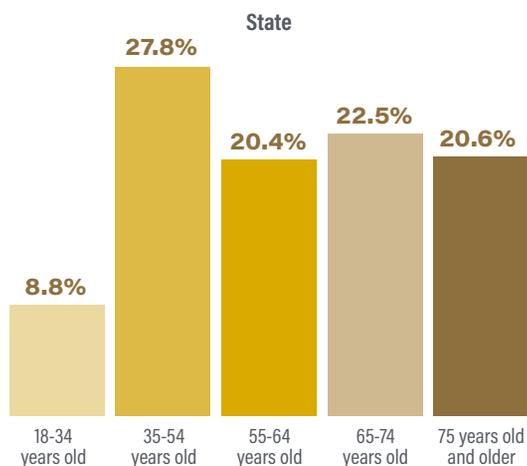
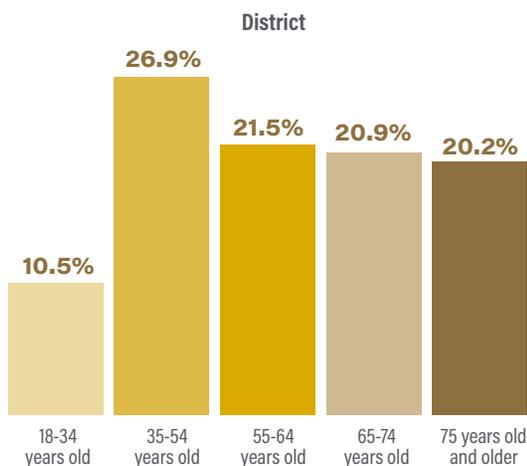
Disability

Civilians	9.9%
Veterans	30.2%

Households and Children



Veteran Population by Age



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Maryland Congressional District 4 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

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Veteran Poverty Rate	3.9%	4.8%	6.7%
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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	22.9%	169,296

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Digital Divide Index Range

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8.66-9.63	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

District	State
53-54	42-61

In Congressional District 4, the counties of Anne Arundel and Prince George's have livability scores that are above average. This indicates that these counties have scored higher on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

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Maryland Congressional District 5

Total Population
756,743

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63,293

Veterans

8.4% of total population

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10,542

Military Members

1.4% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	85.2%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	14.8%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 5 has **264,119** total households, **56,614** or **21.4%** of those are veteran households.

31,617

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

15,442

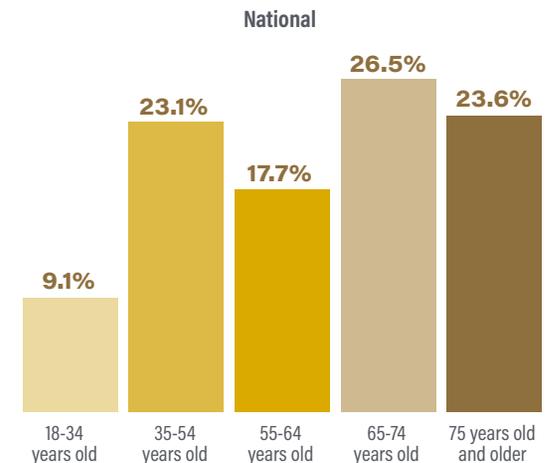
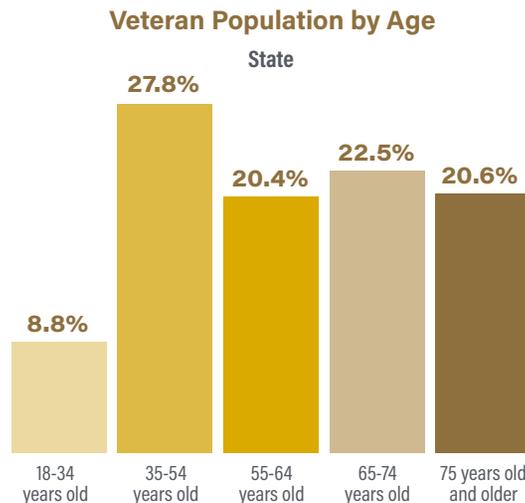
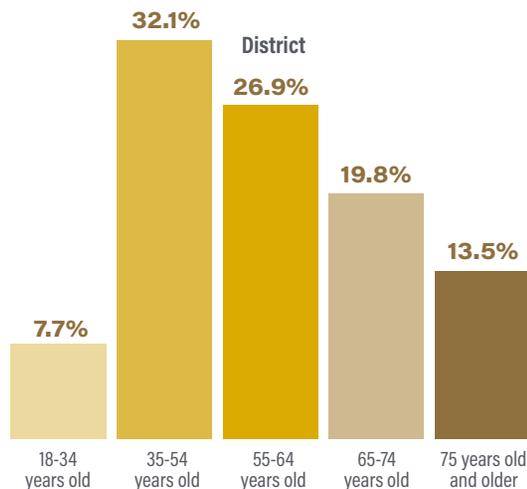
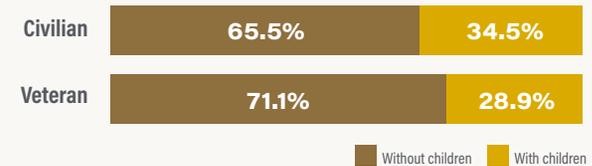
Military Dependents

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians	9.2%
Veterans	31.4%

Households and Children



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Maryland Congressional District 5 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	6.6%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	2.7%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	7.1%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	1.4%	2.0%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	9.5%	9.9%	13.3%

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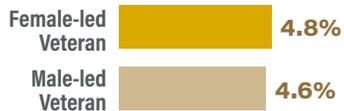
Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	34.1%	255,137

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, the counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. George's, and St. Mary's in Congressional District 5 are not defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

Digital Divide Index Range

District	State
4.99-9.63	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

District	State
48-54	42-61

In Congressional District 5, Calvert County has a livability score that is below average. This indicates that this county has scored lower on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

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Maryland Congressional District 6

Total Population
769,045

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39,942

Veterans

5.2% of total population

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4,332

Military Members

0.6% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	85.1%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	14.9%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 6 has **275,344** total households, **38,081** or **13.8%** of those are veteran households.

18,101

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

5,455

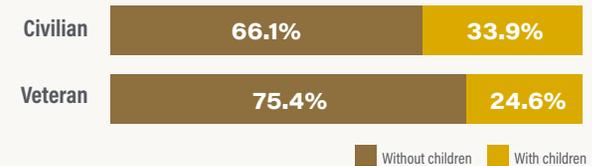
Military Dependents

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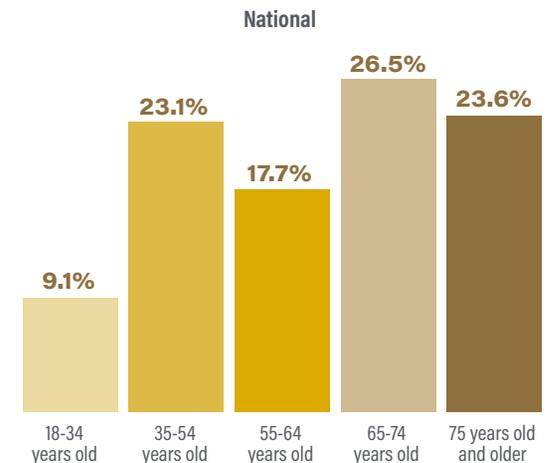
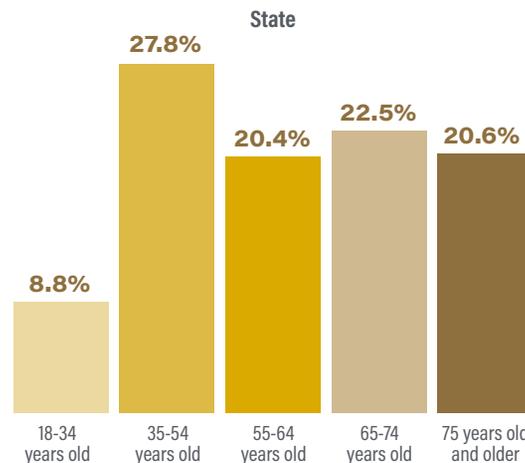
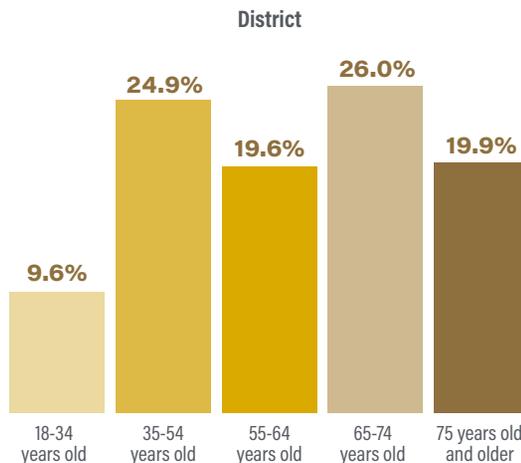
Disability

Civilians	11.5%
Veterans	20%

Households and Children



Veteran Population by Age



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Maryland Congressional District 6 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	8.3%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	4.7%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	11.6%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.1%	2.0%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	9.5%	9.9%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	24.9%	186,920

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



The standard definition of a food desert is defined as a low-income census tract with a substantial share of residents with low levels of access to retail outlets selling healthy and affordable foods. Low-access areas have at least 500 persons and/or at least 33 percent of the population lives more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store. Residents with a lack of access to adequate food sources have been shown to have poorer health outcomes. Living in a food desert creates a health disparity among residents that impacts quality-of-life and overall health.

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Rural-Urban Continuum

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Digital Divide Index Range

District	State
9.45-35.84	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

District	State
48-61	42-61

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Maryland Congressional District 7

Total Population
717,158

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36,776

Veterans
5.1% of total population

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2,698

Military Members
0.4% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	87.4%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	12.6%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 7 has **275,593** total households, **33,019** or **12%** of those are veteran households.

12,194

Veteran Dependents
Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

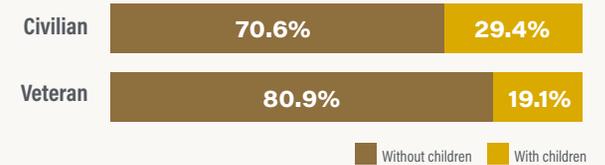
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Military Dependents
Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

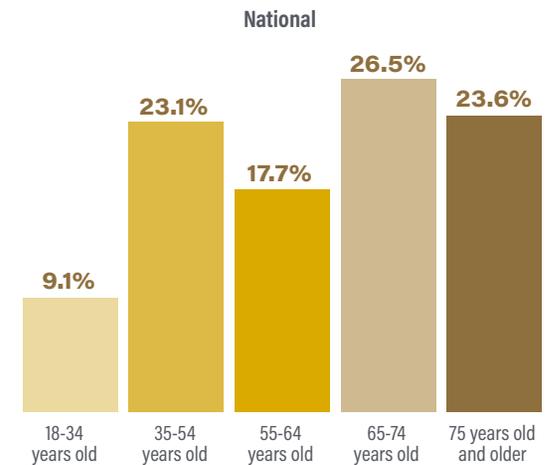
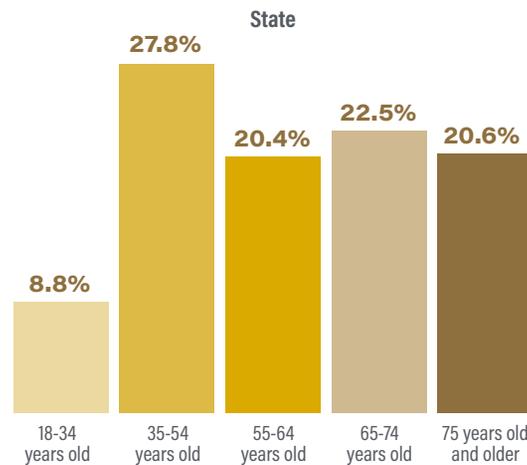
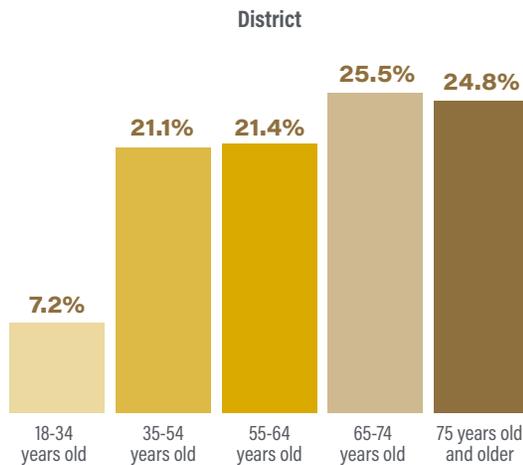
Disability

Civilians	14.9%
Veterans	18%

Households and Children



Veteran Population by Age



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Maryland Congressional District 7 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	14.3%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	10.7%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	18.3%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.6%	2.0%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	9.9%	9.9%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	10.8%	78,646

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Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

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Digital Divide Index Range

District	State
7.43-10.50	4.99-35.84

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AARP Livability Index Range

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50-61	42-61

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Maryland Congressional District 8

Total Population
776,393

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36,399

Veterans

4.7% of total population

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4,899

Military Members

0.6% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	87.1%	86.0%	91.0%
Female	12.9%	14.0%	9.0%



Congressional District 8 has **279,612** total households, **34,117** or **12.2%** of those are veteran households.

14,155

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

6,366

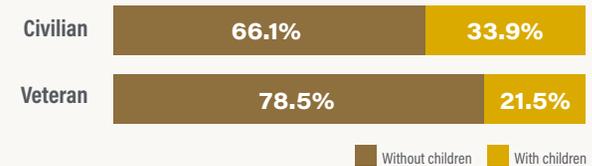
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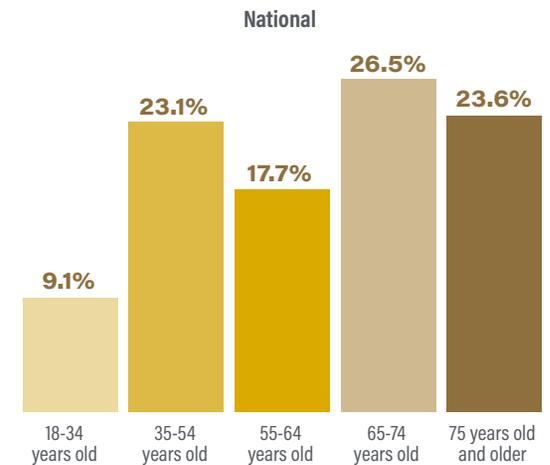
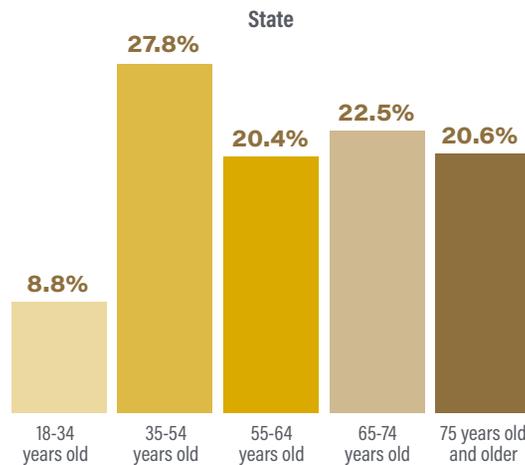
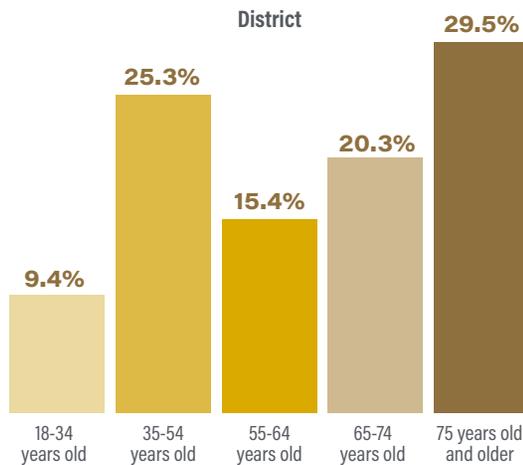
Disability

Civilians	9%
Veterans	20.4%

Households and Children



Veteran Population by Age



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Maryland Congressional District 8 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	6.8%	9.0%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	3.5%	4.8%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	6.4%	11.6%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	1.6%	2.0%	3.2%
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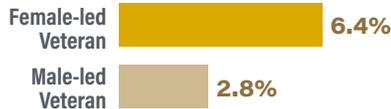
Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	19.7%	148,366

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy foods and move towards self-sufficiency.

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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, the counties of Carroll, Frederick, and Montgomery in Congressional District 8 are not defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

Digital Divide Index Range

District	State
9.45-12.56	4.99-35.84

In Congressional District 8, there are no areas of concern. The digital divide index is a value ranging from 0 to 100, 100 indicating the highest digital divide. A higher digital divide score is associated with limited broadband infrastructure, digital literacy, and exposure to technology benefits. In areas with higher digital divide scores, individuals may face barriers that limit their ability to obtain health information, stay informed, access online education, or secure employment options.

According to the Purdue Center for Regional Development, a digital divide score of 30 and above presents significant socioeconomic, broadband infrastructure, and adoption challenges that may limit motivation, skills, and usage of technology.

AARP Livability Index Range

District	State
53-61	42-61

In Congressional District 8, the counties of Carroll, Frederick, and Montgomery have livability scores that are above average. This indicates that these counties have scored higher on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

According to the AARP Livability Index, an average community livability score is 50, an above-average score is over 50, and a below-average score is below 50.