

Table 1. GINI Coefficients for Household Income Distributions for Maryland's Jurisdictions, 1979 - 1999

AREA	1979 GINI*		1989 GINI*		1999 GINI*		Percent Change and Rank					
	1979 GINI*	Rank	1989 GINI*	Rank	1999 GINI*	Rank	1979-1989	Rank	1989-1999	Rank	1979-1999	Rank
Maryland	0.3938		0.4102		0.4293		4.2%		4.7%		9.0%	
Baltimore Region												
Anne Arundel County	0.3446	20	0.3660	16	0.3832	15	6.2%	8	4.7%	13	11.2%	9
Baltimore County	0.3640	15	0.3995	11	0.4277	11	9.8%	4	7.1%	6	17.5%	3
Carroll County	0.3438	21	0.3450	21	0.3549	22	0.3%	20	2.9%	16	3.2%	19
Harford County	0.3448	19	0.3563	17	0.3642	20	3.3%	14	2.2%	17	5.6%	17
Howard County	0.3204	24	0.3433	22	0.3738	17	7.1%	6	8.9%	2	16.7%	4
Baltimore City	0.4390	1	0.4710	3	0.4964	2	7.3%	5	5.4%	9	13.1%	6
Washington Suburban Region												
Frederick County	0.3542	17	0.3557	18	0.3742	16	0.4%	19	5.2%	10	5.6%	16
Montgomery County	0.3776	13	0.3985	12	0.4281	10	5.5%	9	7.4%	5	13.4%	5
Prince George's County	0.3410	22	0.3389	23	0.3673	19	-0.6%	22	8.4%	3	7.7%	13
Southern Maryland Region												
Calvert County	0.3480	18	0.3468	19	0.3498	23	-0.3%	21	0.9%	18	0.5%	23
Charles County	0.3278	23	0.3302	24	0.3422	24	0.7%	18	3.6%	14	4.4%	18
St. Mary's County	0.3599	16	0.3467	20	0.3637	21	-3.7%	24	4.9%	12	1.1%	22
Western Maryland Region												
Allegany County	0.3966	11	0.4524	4	0.4413	6	14.1%	1	-2.5%	23	11.3%	8
Garrett County	0.4008	6	0.4153	9	0.4364	7	3.6%	12	5.1%	11	8.9%	10
Washington County	0.3853	12	0.3889	14	0.4122	12	0.9%	17	6.0%	8	7.0%	14
Upper Eastern Shore Region												
Caroline County	0.3984	10	0.3943	13	0.3901	14	-1.0%	23	-1.1%	22	-2.1%	24
Cecil County	0.3646	14	0.3717	15	0.3702	18	1.9%	15	-0.4%	21	1.5%	21
Kent County	0.4229	3	0.4781	1	0.4568	4	13.1%	2	-4.5%	24	8.0%	12
Queen Anne's County	0.3996	7	0.4072	10	0.4092	13	1.9%	16	0.5%	19	2.4%	20
Talbot County	0.4261	2	0.4743	2	0.5035	1	11.3%	3	6.2%	7	18.2%	2
Lower Eastern Shore Region												
Dorchester County	0.4078	5	0.4223	6	0.4542	5	3.6%	13	7.6%	4	11.4%	7
Somerset County	0.3990	9	0.4166	8	0.4736	3	4.4%	11	13.7%	1	18.7%	1
Wicomico County	0.3992	8	0.4180	7	0.4321	9	4.7%	10	3.4%	15	8.2%	11
Worcester County	0.4092	4	0.4357	5	0.4359	8	6.5%	7	0.0%	20	6.5%	15

* GINI coefficients range from 0 to 1. The closer the GINI coefficient is to 0 the more equal the income distribution; the closer to 1.0, the more unequal the income distribution. The GINI Index is calculated with 1980, 1990 and 2000 household income distributions of the previous year's incomes (1979, 1989, & 1999) as reported from the decennial census of 1980, 1990 and 2000.