

Making Maryland More Affordable

The Problem

Marylanders are struggling right now because decisions in Washington are skyrocketing gas prices, grocery prices, housing costs. And, prior to our administration stagnant wage growth made it difficult for middle-class families to make ends meet. To get more Marylanders and soon-to-be-Marylanders to move and stay here, we needed to lower costs and lift wages. That's exactly what Wes Moore has done.

Wes' Approach

Wes ran on a promise to create new pathways to work, wages, and wealth for all. It's the secret formula to not only lower costs, but to grow opportunities for Marylanders. Access to work means a better ability to support yourself and your family. Good wages means you can work one job instead of many. And by closing the wealth gap, we ensure all Marylanders can pass something on to their children.

Our Results

- **Higher Wages:** In his first 100 days as governor, Wes Moore raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, increasing pay for more than 160,000 Marylanders. That same year, he expanded tax credits for families living in poverty, providing financial support to 34,000 Maryland children.
- **Affordable Energy:** Wes Moore has held big energy companies accountable, while simultaneously investing in expanded clean energy production in our state and getting direct financial relief to Marylanders. Greater solar production currently underway will help cut utility bills for more than 10,500 low and moderate-income Marylanders. And Governor Moore is delivering over \$200 million in utility rebates to families across the state.
- **Accessible Child Care and Healthcare:** Wes Moore increased access to childcare by 70%, which has benefitted over 41,000 children across Maryland. Wes has worked to protect Marylanders' access to healthcare in the wake of attacks from the federal administration and partnered with the private sector to cut costs for expensive prescription drugs in Maryland.
- **Lower Housing Costs:** Wes Moore has executed one of the most robust housing agendas in the nation that is turning more renters into homeowners and increasing housing supply. He got major housing bills passed, signed an affordable housing executive order, and partnered with Baltimore City to transform vacant lots into thriving community anchors. Maryland is now producing new housing at the highest rate the state has seen since the pandemic.
- **Balanced Budgets And Cutting Taxes:** Wes Moore has provided a tax cut to a majority of Marylanders while balancing four consecutive budgets as governor. He turned an inherited deficit into a surplus by making strategic decisions that led to the largest cut to a Maryland State Budget in 16 years. Along with the largest tax break for young veterans in Maryland history, Wes' fiscal agenda has helped more Marylanders keep more cash in their pockets, year over year.