

FACT CHECK: Larry Hogan Attempts To Run From Record On The Economy, Crime, And The Opioid Crisis

Maryland's economy has lagged behind regional competitors under Larry Hogan's term

Job Growth

Maryland is last in the region for job growth within the last year, and second last in the region during Hogan's tenure. These stats can be found here at the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

	Total Job Growth in Last Year	
	Job Increase Rate	Raw Increase
Nation	1.60%	2,330,000
Maryland	0.75%	20,300
Virginia	1.39%	54,800
Pennsylvania	1.10%	65,400
Delaware	1.47%	6,700

	Total Jobs in Hogan Tenure	
	Job Increase Rate	Raw Increase
Nation	6.34%	8,898,000
Maryland	4.10%	108,400
Virginia	5.65%	214,400
Pennsylvania	3.35%	194,900
Delaware	4.19%	18,600

Wage Growth

When adjusted for inflation, Maryland workers have missed out on thousands of earnings increases compared to our neighboring states. These stats are also from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

	2015 Earnings Increase	2016 Earnings Increase	2017 Earnings Increase	2018 Earnings Increase	TOTAL Earnings Increase
National	\$969.19	\$1,371.31	\$1,687.34	\$1,303.82	\$5,331.66
Maryland	-\$250.13	-\$622.22	\$415.62	\$929.50	\$472.77
Virginia	\$2,063.73	\$2,717.54	\$2,045.12	\$1,683.48	\$8,509.87
Pennsylvania	\$951.64	\$989.64	\$878.31	\$1,242.10	\$4,061.69
Delaware	\$1,987.13	\$4,665.48	\$6,621.60	\$3,696.54	\$16,970.75

Crime Has Surged Statewide As Larry Hogan Fails To Invest In Crime-Reduction Programs

Under Larry Hogan, violent crime is up 15% and murders are up 50%. Murders are still up by 34% even when just looking at the 23 counties other than Baltimore City.

Maryland	Violent Crime Offenses	Murders
2014	26,373	363
2015	28,311	553
2016	28,991	534
2017	30,273	546
Increase	3,900	183
Rate	14.79%	50.41%

Baltimore	Violent Crime Offenses	Murders
2014	8,432	211
2015	9,680	344
2016	11,115	318
2017	12,430	342
Increase	3,998	131
Rate	47.41%	62.09%

Maryland W/O Baltimore	Murders
2014	152

2015	209
2016	216
2017	204
Increase	52
Rate	34.21%

Sources:

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017>

<https://data.maryland.gov/Public-Safety/Violent-Crime-Property-Crime-Statewide-Totals-1975/hyg2-hy98>

<https://data.maryland.gov/Public-Safety/Violent-Crime-Property-Crime-by-Municipality-2000-/2p5g-xrcb>

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/tables/table-5>

Marylanders Have Suffered From The Opioid Crisis

Record over results is what Ben Jealous made clear today -- and Larry Hogan's record on the opioid crisis is abysmal. Opioid-related deaths have increased by 161% since Larry Hogan took office. Before taking office as governor, Larry Hogan promised in no uncertain terms that he would immediately declare a state of emergency to fight the opioid crisis once he was sworn in, [saying](#) in December 2014 that “every state on the East Coast has declared a state of emergency except Maryland — and Maryland has the worst problem ... We’re going to do it.” Yet Hogan [failed](#) to keep that promise for over two years, waiting until March 2017 to declare a state of emergency and take the crisis seriously. Thousands of Marylanders died in the meantime.

Despite Larry Hogan’s promises, data released by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in July show that opioid deaths continue to spike under Larry Hogan. According to the data, fentanyl overdose deaths have increased by more than [750%](#) under Hogan, and overall opioid overdose deaths have more than doubled.

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*	2014-2018	% Change
Opioid-Related Deaths	888	1,089	1,856	2,009	2,316	+ 1,428	161% Increase

* [2018 numbers reported by the state are for January-March only](#). This is a projection for what the state is on pace for through the rest of the calendar year.

Hogan Has Cut Millions From Public Schools, Enacted Betsy Devos' Privatization Agenda As Governor

Larry Hogan has been shortchanging Maryland schools since his first month in office, when he attempted to [cut](#) \$144 million from Maryland's public schools -- succeeding in cutting \$80 million. In 2016, he pushed to cut \$30 million from new education spending that would go towards after-school programs, college preparation, and teacher retention strategies. He's [held back](#) millions for the Aging Schools program. In the last three years, Hogan [diverted](#) \$18 million in funding from public schools to subsidize expensive private schools.

Hogan's Public Education Budget Cuts

[2015 General Assembly Session](#)

State Aid to Local School Districts

- Geographic Cost of Education Index: \$68 million
- Net Taxable Income: \$12 million

[2016 General Assembly Session](#)

Aging Schools Program: \$6 million

[2017 General Assembly Session](#)

Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program: \$5 million

Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Program: \$3 million

[2018 General Assembly Session](#)

Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Program: \$2 million

Hogan's failures on education are adding up. Since Hogan entered office, Maryland public schools have [dropped](#) in national rankings three straight years, including a [16-spot](#) drop in 8th grade reading achievement and an [11-spot](#) drop in 8th grade math achievement, according to Education Week and the National Assessment of Education Progress. [PARCC scores released](#) recently showed 65% of Maryland students are behind in math skills. In total, Larry Hogan has cut almost \$100 million from public schools.

Voters are taking notice, with the Washington Post poll reporting that only [43 percent](#) of all Marylanders approve of Hogan's performance on education.