

Seizure and Forfeiture 2024 Report

*Criminal Procedure Article, Sections 12-602(e)(2) and
12-602(f)*

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

August 21, 2025

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Speaker of the House of Delegates
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RE: Criminal Procedure Article §§ 12-602(e)(2) (MSAR #15672) and 12-602(f) (MSAR #15673)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

As required by §§ 12-602(e)(2) and 12-602(f) of the Criminal Procedure Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's report, titled *Seizure and Forfeiture 2024 Report*. This report includes information on various seizures and forfeitures that were reported by Maryland law enforcement agencies in 2024. To view the aggregate data reported by agencies, please visit the office's website at: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/#MSAC-reports>.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

As required, five color copies will be sent to the DLS Legislative Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorothy J. Lennig".

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cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)

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Introduction

In accordance with §§ 12-602(e)(2) and 12-602(f) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) must submit an aggregate report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each seizing authority by September 1 of each year, as it relates to seizures and forfeitures; and include the total amount from forfeitures deposited in the General Fund that were appropriated to the Maryland Department of Health for drug treatment and education programs, and how such funds were spent. In addition, § 12-602(a) requires each seizing authority in consultation with the corresponding forfeiting authority to report information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (Center), located within the Office, on the seizure and forfeiture of property related to violations of the Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) law.¹ Furthermore, § 12-602(e)(1) of the Criminal Procedure Article requires the Center to make the reports submitted by seizing authorities and its aggregate report available on the website by March 1 of each year.

Pursuant to its charge, this *Seizure and Forfeiture 2024 Report* presents aggregate data on all seizures and forfeitures of CDS laws that were reported to the Center by Maryland law enforcement agencies in 2024. It is important to note that the Center made no independent review of the records of the seizing and forfeiting authorities to ensure they complied with the legal requirements.

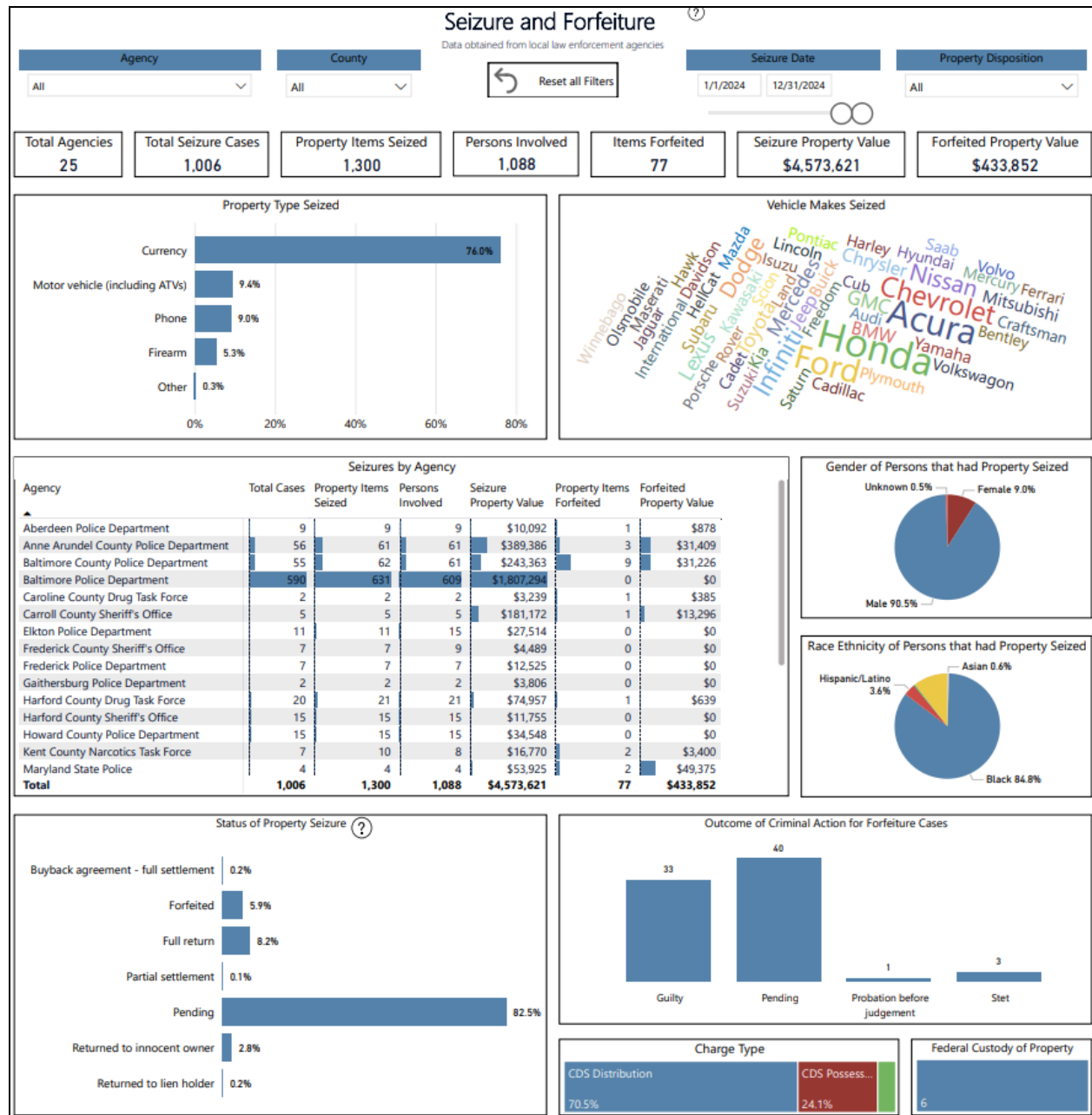
Seizure and Forfeiture

Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, 1,006 CDS cases involved the seizure of currency or property, with a total of 1,300 property items seized from 1,088 individuals. Twenty-five law enforcement agencies (also known as seizing authorities) reported at least one CDS case in which property was seized from an individual. As of August 11, 2025, 5.9% (n = 77) of the property items were forfeited with most property items still pending a potential return or forfeit.² As illustrated on the following page, the **Seizure and Forfeiture** data dashboard identifies the number of seizure cases by agency, as well as items seized, persons involved, property value, and more. For additional information regarding seizures and forfeitures and/or to view the interactive **Seizure and Forfeiture** data dashboard, please visit the Office's website at: <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoiaZjM4OTZjZDQ4ZTE4NS00YWY4LWI4NTItNTU3M>

¹ Section 12-102 of the Criminal Procedure Article specifies generally that any property involved in the manufacturing, processing, or distribution of controlled dangerous substances (e.g., substances themselves, vehicles, weapons, cash) is subject to forfeiture.

² As of August 11, 2025, most of the property seizures remained in a pending status, and 77 resulted in a forfeiture of property. Law enforcement agencies continue to provide property updates to the Center beyond the timeline of this report.

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Conclusion

Pursuant to §§ 12-602(e)(2) and 12-602(f) of the Criminal Procedure Article, this *Seizure and Forfeiture 2024 Report* presents aggregate data on all seizures and forfeitures of CDS laws that were reported to the Center by Maryland law enforcement agencies in 2024 (*as illustrated*

above). It is important to note that the Center did not receive information on the CDS forfeiture proceeds that were deposited into the General Fund for the purpose of funding drug treatment and education programs through the Maryland Department of Health. This is due to the fact that there is no way to tell which revenue source supports a general fund expenditure. As a result, the Office provides the following recommendation:

- Provide clarification on how the CDS forfeiture proceeds should be deposited into the General Fund, to be used by the Maryland Department of Health, for the purpose of funding drug treatment and education programs.

The Center believes that this recommendation, if enacted, will improve the collection of seizure and forfeiture data, and provide insight on how forfeiture proceeds are used to fund drug treatment and education programs.