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Executive Summary:

Foreclosure Hot Spots Analysis

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Foreclosure activity in Maryland is **highly concentrated**, with a small share of communities accounting for a disproportionate number of events. A total of **66 communities** have been identified as **Foreclosure Hot Spots**—defined as:

1. Communities with **more than 10 foreclosure events per quarter**, and
2. A **foreclosure concentration ratio**—measured by the Foreclosure Index—**above 100**, indicating rates above the state average.

Hot spots are further characterized by foreclosure severity as measured by a **Foreclosure Index**, which compares local foreclosure rates to the state average:

- **High:** Index 100 - 200
- **Very High:** Index 200 - 300
- **Severe:** Index above 300

The identified 66 communities fall into one of these categories (Exhibit I – Statewide Foreclosure Hotspot Map), spanning urban, suburban, and rural parts of the state. This overview provides insight into the foreclosure pressures affecting distinct areas.

Foreclosure Hot Spots Overview

Key Findings:

- **Foreclosure Concentration:** These 66 hot spot communities represent **just 12.9% of all communities**, yet account for **57.7% of all statewide foreclosures**.
- **Disproportionate Impact:** Hot spots are home to **31% of all homeowner households**, highlighting significant foreclosure burdens concentrated in limited geographic areas.

- Severity Spectrum:

- **High** (Index 100–200): 39 communities | 947 foreclosures
- **Very High** (Index 200–300): 23 communities | 775 foreclosures
- **Severe** (Index >300): 4 communities | 176 foreclosures

Characteristics of Foreclosure Hot Spots in Maryland:

Table 1. Foreclosure Events in Maryland and U.S.

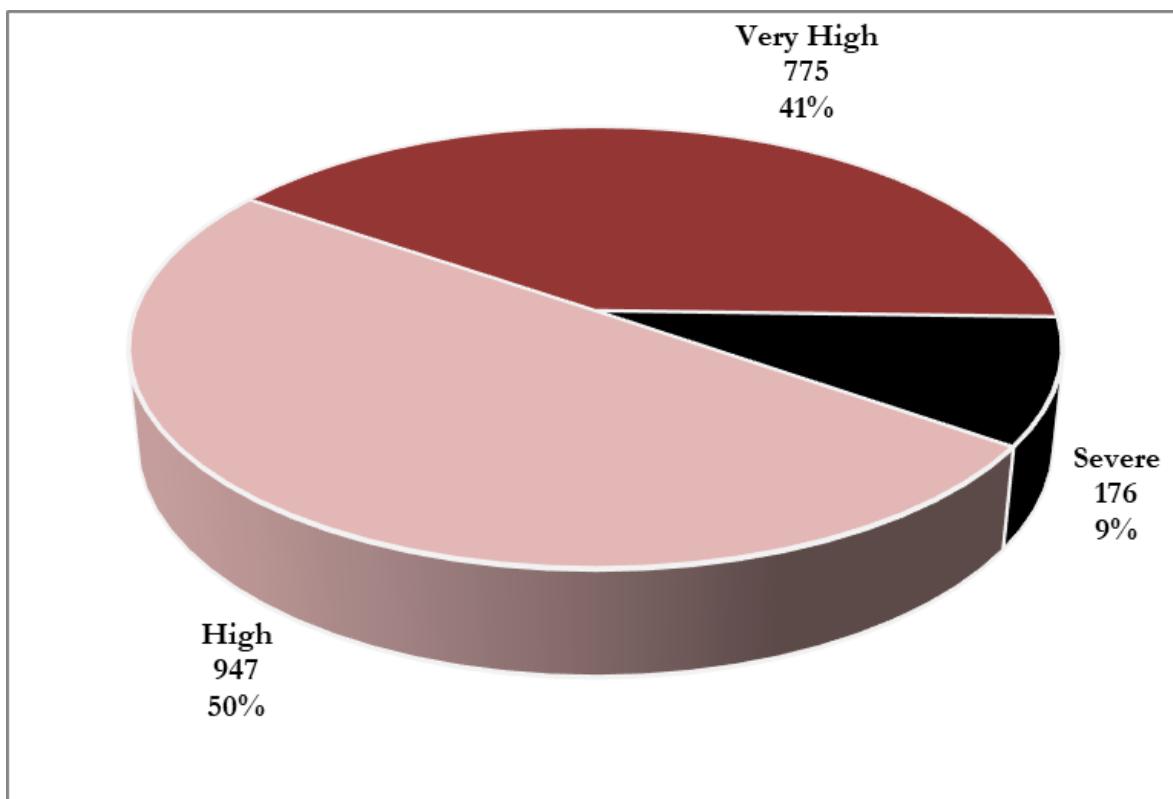
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Category	High	Very High	Severe	All Hot Spots Communities
Number of Communities	39	23	4	66
% of Hot Spots Communities	59.1%	34.8%	6.1%	100.0%
% of All Communities	7.6%	4.5%	0.8%	12.9%
Foreclosures	947	775	176	1,898
% of Hot Spots Communities	49.9%	40.8%	9.3%	100.0%
% of All Communities	28.8%	23.6%	5.4%	57.7%
Average Foreclosure Rate	301	197	142	244
Average Foreclosure Index	151	231	319	186
Number of Households	285,227	152,915	25,070	463,212
% of Hot Spots Communities	61.6%	33.0%	5.4%	100.0%
% of All Communities	19.1%	10.2%	1.7%	31.0%

Source: Cotality (formerly CoreLogic) Data and DHCD, Office of Research and Compliance

Chart 1. Foreclosure Hot Spots

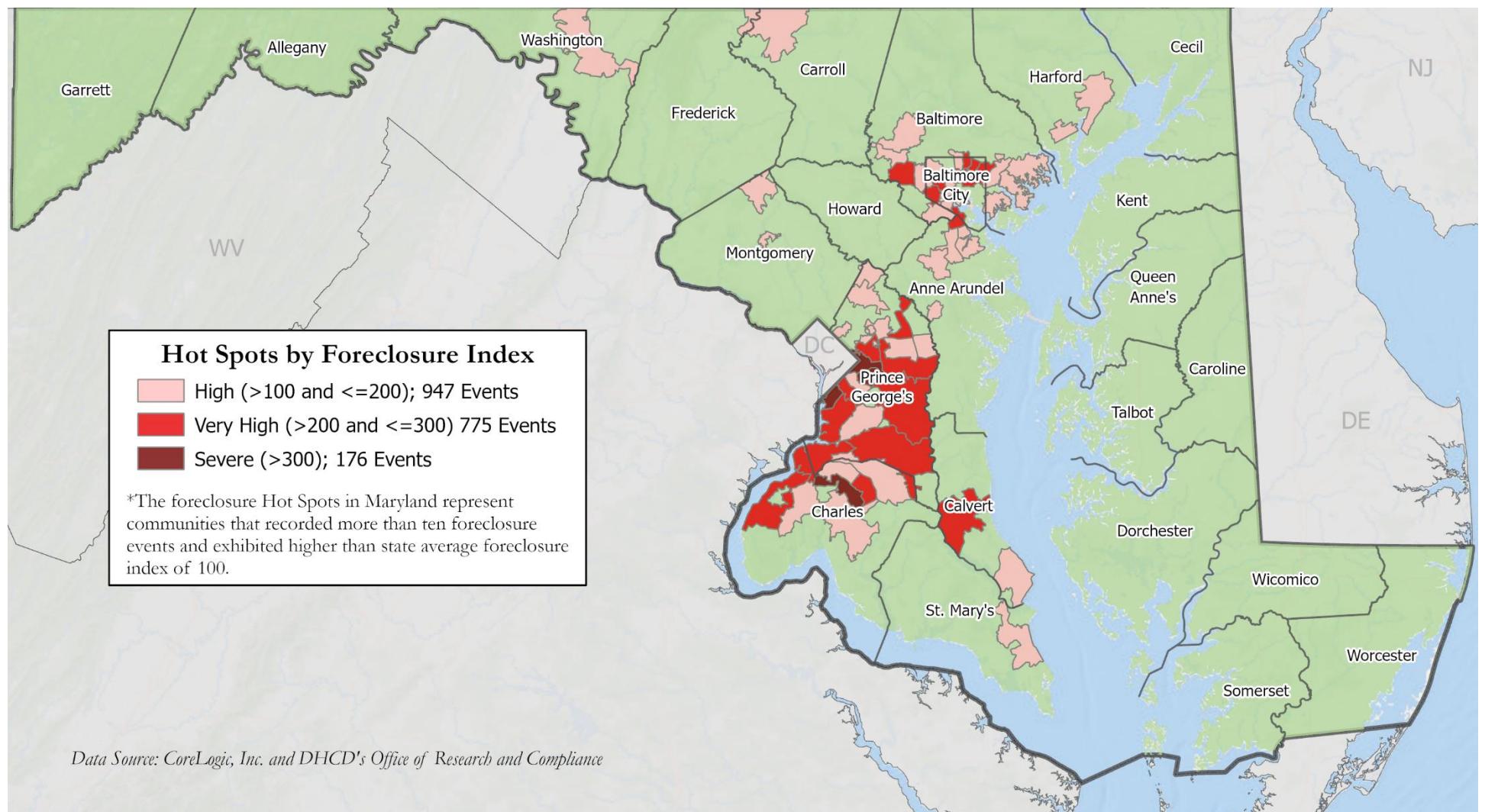
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Foreclosure Hot Spots in Maryland (Exhibit I)

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Hot Spots Analysis by Category

Severe Hot Spots (Table 1, Table 2, Chart 2)

- Only **four ZIP codes** fall in this category, yet they account for **176 foreclosure events** and an average index of **319**.
- Nearly **90% of activity is concentrated in Prince George's County** (Capitol Heights, District Heights, Oxon Hill), with one additional community in Charles County (White Plains).
- These communities exhibit extreme foreclosure pressure.

Table 2. Severe Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction

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Jurisdiction	Foreclosure Events: Zip Codes	Foreclosure Events: Number	Foreclosure Events: % of Total	Average Foreclosure Rate	Average Foreclosure Index	Homeowner Households
Charles	1	22	12.5%	127	359	2,787
Prince George's	3	154	87.5%	145	314	22,283
Maryland	4	176	100.0%	142	319	25,070

Source: Cotality (formerly CoreLogic) Data and DHCD, Office of Research and Compliance

Very High Hot Spots (Table 1, Table 3, Chart 3)

- Comprising **23 ZIP codes**, this category includes **775 foreclosure events** with an average index of **231**.
- Baltimore City** (278 events) and **Prince George's County** (350) dominate this group, highlighting broad foreclosure vulnerability across both suburban and urban areas.
- Smaller communities in **Baltimore, Calvert, and Charles Counties** also show significant risk per household.

Table 3. Very High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction

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Jurisdiction	Foreclosure Events: Zip Codes	Foreclosure Events: Number	Foreclosure Events: % of Total	Average Foreclosure Rate	Average Foreclosure Index	Homeowner Households
Anne Arundel	1	20	2.6%	208	219	4,160
Baltimore	2	52	6.7%	208	219	10,854
Baltimore City	8	278	35.8%	201	224	55,862
Calvert	1	15	1.9%	195	233	2,923
Charles	3	60	7.7%	173	270	10,391
Prince George's	8	350	45.2%	196	235	68,725
Maryland	23	775	100.0%	197	231	152,915

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High Hot Spots (Table 1, Table 4, Chart 4)

- The largest category by count, **39 ZIP codes**, generated **947 foreclosure events**—half of all statewide foreclosure activity.
- **Baltimore County and Prince George's County** again lead in volume, followed by **Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, and Charles County**.
- Communities like **Arlington, Clinton, Dundalk, and Glen Burnie** show both high foreclosure volumes and indices near 200, while places like **Hagerstown and Taneytown** highlight **acute risk in smaller jurisdictions**.

Table 4. High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction

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Jurisdiction	Foreclosure Events: Zip Codes	Foreclosure Events: Number	Foreclosure Events: % of Total	Average Foreclosure Rate	Average Foreclosure Index	Homeowner Households
Anne Arundel	4	102	10.8%	333	139	34,009
Baltimore	9	257	27.2%	320	140	82,432
Baltimore City	6	136	14.3%	282	161	38,230
Calvert	1	23	2.4%	261	174	6,006
Carroll	1	10	1.1%	251	181	2,632
Charles	3	64	6.8%	283	159	18,132
Harford	2	36	3.8%	340	133	12,248
Montgomery	2	33	3.5%	354	132	11,665
Prince George's	9	233	24.6%	264	171	61,481
St. Mary's	1	19	2.0%	248	184	4,705
Washington	1	33	3.5%	415	110	13,686
Maryland	39	947	100.0%	301	151	285,227

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Conclusion

Maryland's foreclosure hot spots present a **multi-dimensional housing challenge**, driven by both high-volume urban distress and concentrated rural and suburban pressures. The data highlights three critical insights:

1. **Foreclosure activity is highly localized**, with a small subset of ZIP codes accounting for most of the distress.
2. **Baltimore City and Prince George's County** consistently appear across all severity levels, signaling entrenched and widespread vulnerability.
3. **Smaller jurisdictions and communities**, including those in **Calvert, Charles, and Washington Counties**, exhibit disproportionately high foreclosure rates and indices, often masked by low raw volumes.

Charts

Severe Foreclosure Hot Spots in Maryland

Severe Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction:

- **Concentrated in Prince George's County:**
Of the 176 foreclosure events recorded in the state's **severe hot spots**, **Prince George's County accounts for 87.5% (154 events)** across **three ZIP codes**, making it the clear epicenter of severe foreclosure activity.
- **Charles County Represents a Smaller Share:**
The remaining **12.5% of events (22 foreclosures)** occurred in a **single ZIP code in Charles County**, indicating a more localized but still acute level of distress.
- **Higher Foreclosure Concentration Despite Lower Rates:**
Although the **average foreclosure rate** in these areas is **moderate (142 per 10,000 households)**, the **average foreclosure index is high at 319**, reflecting how some of these areas exceed the statewide average and stressing the severity of the crisis.
- **Household Exposure:**
The **25,070 homeowner households** in these four ZIP codes represent just **1.7% of all communities statewide** yet bear a disproportionate foreclosure burden.

Severe Foreclosure Hot Spots by Community:

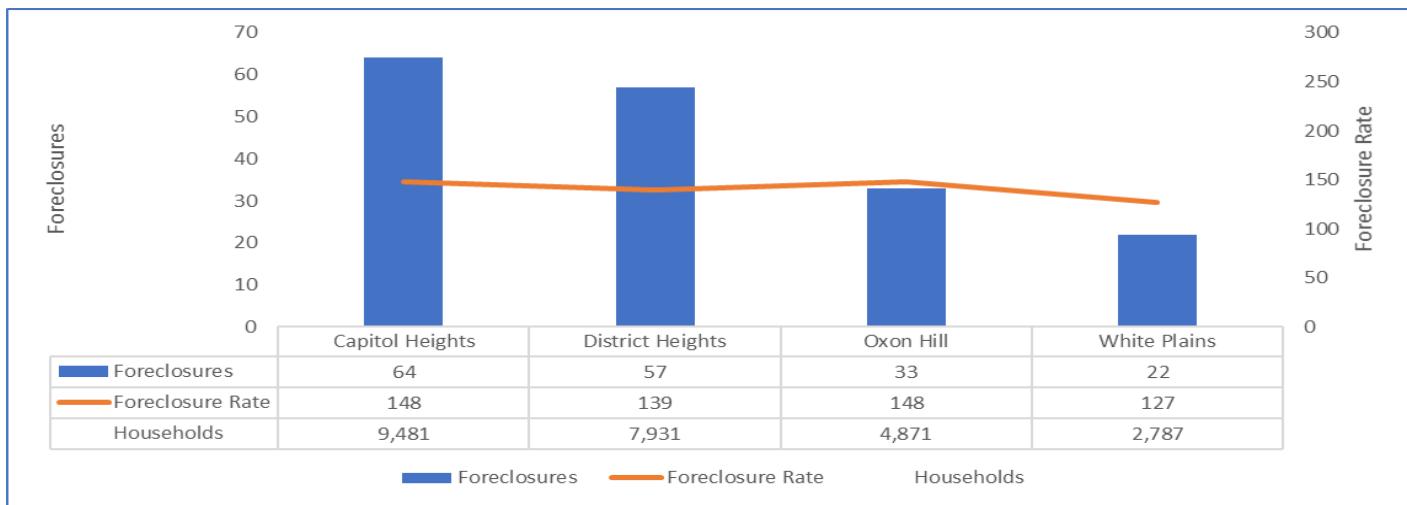
- **Three Prince George's Communities Dominate:**
Nearly **90% of all severe-category foreclosures** are concentrated in **Capitol Heights, District Heights, and Oxon Hill**, which together account for **154 out of 176 total events**. These communities exhibit high foreclosure rates (139–148 per 10,000 households) and foreclosure indices over **300**, signaling severe distress.
- **Capitol Heights Leads in Volume:**
With **64 foreclosure events**, Capitol Heights (ZIP 20743) has the highest foreclosure count among all severe hot spot communities, impacting nearly **1 in every 150 homeowners**.
- **District Heights and Oxon Hill Follow Closely:**
District Heights (20747) and Oxon Hill (20745) also show sustained distress, with foreclosure indices of **327 and 308**, respectively, significantly above the state benchmark.

- **Charles County's White Plains Stands Out:**

Though smaller in household count (2,787), **White Plains (20695)** registers a high foreclosure index of **359**, indicating disproportionately high foreclosure activity relative to its size.

Chart 2. Property Foreclosures in Severe Hot Spots Communities

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Severe foreclosure distress is sharply focused in a few densely populated communities, particularly in **Prince George's County**. Capitol Heights, District Heights, and Oxon Hill together form a clear cluster of urgent concern. Meanwhile, White Plains in **Charles County**, though smaller, also demands attention due to its extreme foreclosure concentration.

Very High Foreclosure Hot Spots in Maryland

Very High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction:

- **Prince George's County Leads in Volume:**

With **350 foreclosure events across eight ZIP codes**, Prince George's accounts for **45.2%** of all foreclosures in this category, highlighting it as the dominant contributor among Very High Hot Spots.

- **Baltimore City Also Heavily Impacted:**

Baltimore City follows with **278 foreclosures (35.8%)** across **eight ZIP codes**, indicating broad and widespread distress across urban neighborhoods.

- **Other Jurisdictions Have Smaller Footprints:**

- Charles County reported **60 foreclosures** across **three ZIP codes**, with a notably **high average foreclosure index of 270**, suggesting deeper distress relative to volume.
- Anne Arundel and Baltimore County each had foreclosure indices of **219**, consistent with the category threshold.
- Calvert County, while contributing only **15 events**, showed a relatively high index of **233** given its smaller homeowner base.

- **Statewide Profile:**

A total of **775 foreclosure events** occurred across **23 ZIP codes** classified as Very High Hot Spots, impacting **152,915 homeowner households**. The average **foreclosure index of 231** reflects how significantly some of these areas exceed the state average, despite having only about **10% of all communities**.

Very High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Community:

- **Prince George's County Dominates in Volume and Breadth:**

Prince George's Communities collectively account for the largest share of foreclosure events in this category, with standouts including:

- Fort Washington (74 foreclosures),
- Temple Hills (53, with the **highest foreclosure index at 270**),
- Upper Marlboro 20772 (71), and

- **Upper Marlboro 20774** (57).

These communities demonstrate both **high foreclosure volumes and elevated indices**, confirming widespread and intense pressure across the county.

- **Baltimore City Exhibits Dense Clusters of Distress:**

Six neighborhoods in Baltimore City report **double-digit foreclosure counts**, with **Carroll (51)** and **Waverly (44)** leading the list.

- Foreclosure indices range from **208 to 248**, indicating **consistently elevated risk** spread across the city's residential fabric.

- **Baltimore County and Anne Arundel Contribute Modestly but Meaningfully:**

- **Windsor Mill** (33 foreclosures) and **Raspeburg** (19) in Baltimore County show foreclosure rates just over 200 per 10,000 households, placing them firmly in the "Very High" band.
- **Brooklyn (Anne Arundel)**, while smaller in count (20 events), matches others in index and rate, reinforcing regional vulnerability.

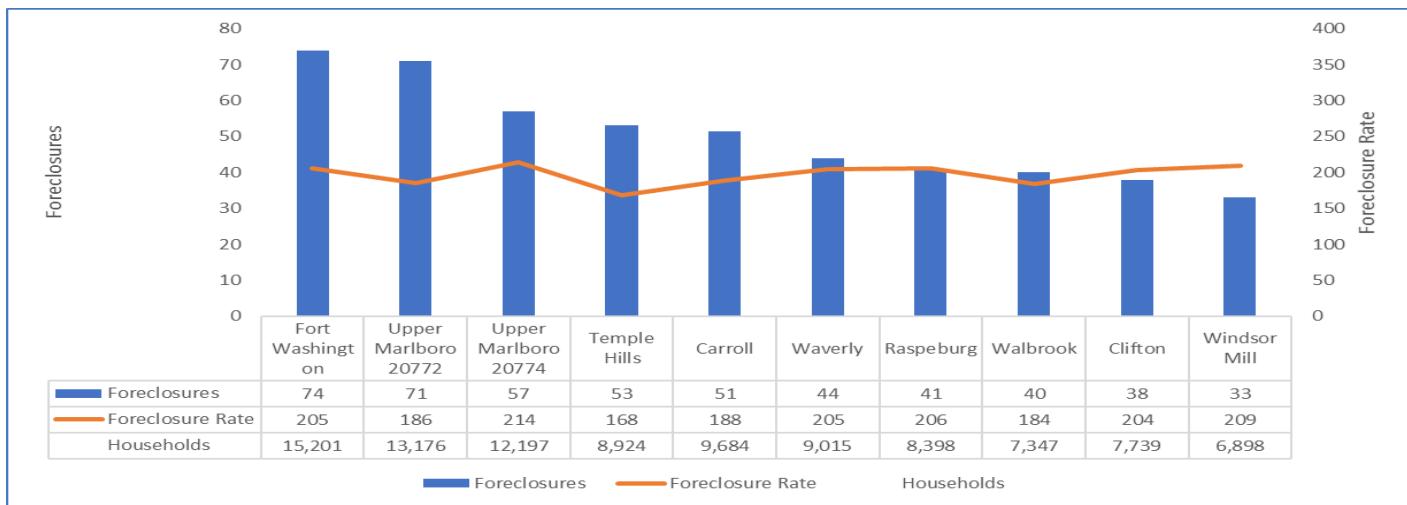
- **Calvert and Charles Show Elevated Index Despite Lower Counts:**

Smaller communities such as **Bryans Road, Indian Head, and Prince Frederick** report lower foreclosure volumes but disproportionately **high indices (233–294)**, revealing acute foreclosure pressure in **less populous areas**.

Chart 3. Property Foreclosures in Very High Hot Spots Communities

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Top 10 Communities



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Very High Foreclosure Hot Spots span both urban centers and smaller suburban or semi-rural communities. While **Prince George's County and Baltimore City** account for over 80% of foreclosure events in this category, communities in **Baltimore, Calvert, and Charles counties** reveal significant stress per household.

High Foreclosure Hot Spots in Maryland

High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Jurisdiction:

- The **High Foreclosure Hot Spots** category spans **39 ZIP codes**, accounting for **947 foreclosure events**—the largest share (50%) among all hot spot categories. These areas exhibit **foreclosure indices between 100 and 200**, indicating elevated but less extreme levels of distress relative to the state average.
- **Widespread Distribution Across Jurisdictions:**
 - **Baltimore County** leads with **257 foreclosure events (27.2%)** across **nine ZIP codes**, followed by **Prince George's County** with **233 events (24.6%)**. These two jurisdictions alone account for more than **half of the state's high-category foreclosures**, highlighting their continued housing vulnerability.
 - **Baltimore City** ranks third with **136 events (14.3%)**, reflecting continued elevated risk across multiple urban neighborhoods.
 - **Anne Arundel (102 events)** and **Charles County (64)** also post notable totals, rounding out the jurisdictions with the most concentrated high-category foreclosure activity.
- **Notable Index and Rate Variability:**
 - **Washington County** reports the **highest average foreclosure rate (415 per 10,000 households)**, despite a relatively low count of **33 events**, reflecting an **intensely localized problem** within a smaller population.
 - **Calvert, Carroll, and St. Mary's Counties** each report lower foreclosure counts but **higher foreclosure indices (174–184)**, indicating **above-average foreclosure burdens per household**.
 - **Harford and Montgomery Counties**, though better known for housing stability, each report over **30 events**, with foreclosure indices just above 130, showing that no region is entirely immune.

High Foreclosure Hot Spots by Community:

- The **High Foreclosure Hot Spots** category spans a broad range of communities across the state, reflecting a geographically dispersed but significant level of foreclosure distress. These areas have foreclosure indices between **100 and 200**, indicating rates that are **above the state average but below the thresholds for Very High or Severe** categories.

- **Concentrated Activity in Key Communities:**

- **Dundalk (Baltimore County)** leads in foreclosure volume with **48 events**, followed closely by **Arlington (Baltimore City)** with **49**, and **Clinton (Prince George's County)** with **46**—all reflecting large populations and sustained foreclosure pressures.
- Several communities in **Prince George's**, such as **Mitchellville (20716 and 20721)**, and **Suitland** report **indices at or near 200**, placing them at the upper end of the “High” category and on the verge of Very High status.

- **Broad Urban and Suburban Reach**

- **Baltimore County** shows a wide distribution of affected communities—**Essex, Gwynn Oak, Halethorpe, Middle River, and Randallstown**—all with elevated rates and indices between **110 and 187**.
- In **Baltimore City**, neighborhoods like **Druid, Franklin, and Morrell Park** all record rates near or above 300, signaling persistent distress across historically vulnerable areas.

- **Pockets of Elevated Risk in Smaller Counties:**

- Communities like **Lexington Park (St. Mary's)**, **Lusby (Calvert)**, and **Taneytown (Carroll)** each have **fewer than 25 foreclosures** but show **high foreclosure indices (174–184)** relative to their smaller household bases.
- **Hagerstown (Washington County)** stands out with the **highest foreclosure rate (415)** in this category, despite a moderate foreclosure count—emphasizing a **localized crisis in a lower-density area**.

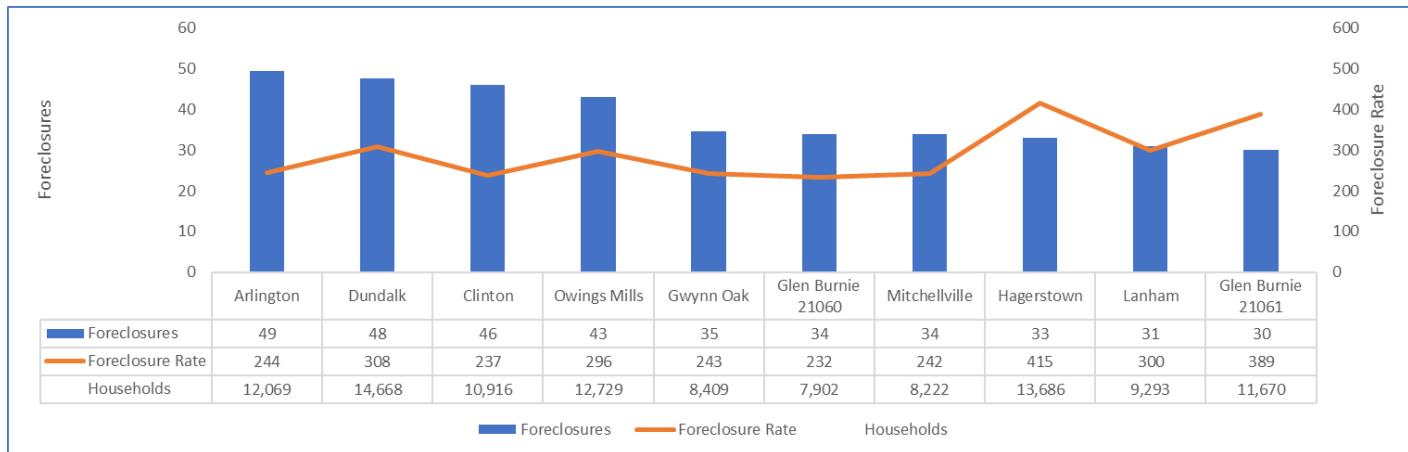
- **Repeat Community Patterns:**

- Several communities such as **Glen Burnie (Anne Arundel)** and **Govans (appearing under both Baltimore County and Baltimore City)** are listed multiple times, highlighting **inter-jurisdictional data overlaps** or shared ZIPs experiencing distress from both urban and suburban edges.

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Overall, High Foreclosure Hot Spots are geographically widespread and impact both urban centers and suburban communities. **Baltimore County and Prince George's County** drive much of the volume, while smaller jurisdictions like **Washington, Carroll, and St. Mary's Counties** exhibit **pockets of disproportionately high foreclosure risk**.