

The MARYLAND STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

MARYLAND'S ADVOCATES FOR PUBLIC VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



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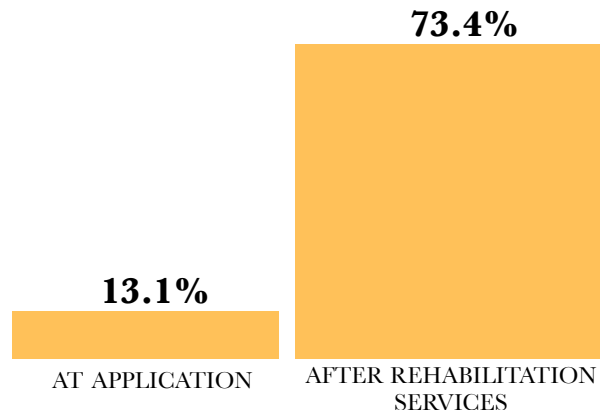
In FY 2008, the Maryland General Assembly allocated an additional \$2.3 million to the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) for direct services to individuals with disabilities. To date, these funds have helped cut DORS waiting list from 5,230 (in June, 2008) to 2,372 as of January, 2009. These funds have helped thousands of Maryland's citizens with significant disabilities work toward employment and independence.

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Investing in Maryland

Vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs help people with significant disabilities go to work and become financially independent.



**PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH WAGES
AS THEIR PRIMARY
SOURCE OF SUPPORT**

- This past year, DORS helped 2,290 people with significant disabilities to go to work - many for the first time.
- It costs an average of \$4,431 to prepare a person with a disability to go to work.
- Last year, these 2,290 new workers added \$35.6 million to Maryland's economy.

