

## Baltimore Protests: Little-Known Facts

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### What's Really Going On In Baltimore?

Orazz [points out](#):

10,000 Strong Peacefully Protest In Downtown Baltimore, Media Only Reports The Violence & Arrest of Dozens

In any event, while the looting was unforgivable ... it [pales in comparison](#) to the looting by Wall Street.

And while the media tried to make this a black-versus-white issue, remember that [African-Americans lined up to protect white Baltimore police](#). And blacks [AREN'T the only ones](#) who riot.

By way of background on the anger among blacks in Baltimore, the Baltimore Sun [reports](#):

Over the past four years, more than 100 people have won court judgments or settlements related to allegations of brutality and civil rights violations [in Baltimore]. Victims include a 15-year-old boy riding a dirt bike, a 26-year-old pregnant accountant who had witnessed a beating, a 50-year-old woman selling church raffle tickets, a 65-year-old church deacon rolling a cigarette and an 87-year-old grandmother aiding her wounded grandson.

Those cases detail a frightful human toll. Officers have battered dozens of residents who suffered broken bones — jaws, noses, arms, legs, ankles — head trauma, organ failure, and even death, coming during questionable arrests. Some residents were beaten while handcuffed; others were thrown to the pavement.

And in almost every case, prosecutors or judges dismissed the charges against the victims — if charges were filed at all.

Fusion [notes](#):

Just 42 percent of the residents in Freddie Gray's neighborhood are employed  
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Here are the terrifying facts about Sandtown, according to U.S. Census tract data.

— Just 42 percent of residents are employed, compared to the national

average of 59 percent.

- Thirty-three percent of residential properties are vacant or abandoned.
- Just 54 percent of its residents are even in the labor force, even though 77 percent of residents are between 20 and 64 years old.
- Just 4.5 percent of the neighborhood has a Bachelor's degree.

And some [argue](#) that the violence was staged - or at least allowed to happen - for unknown cynical political reasons.

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