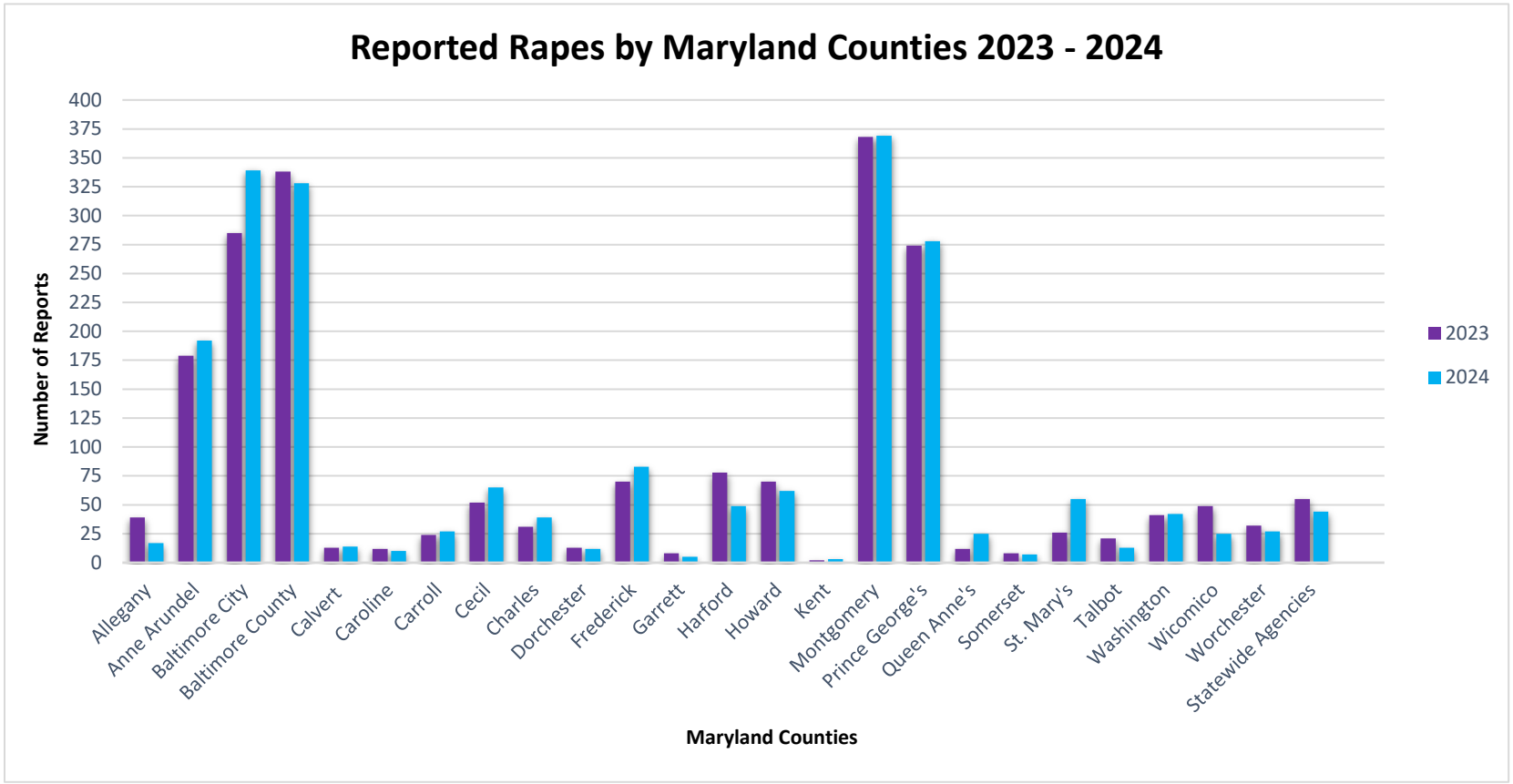

The graph above, based on data reported to the in *Crime in Maryland: 2024 Uniform Crime Report* illustrates reported rapes in Maryland Counties and includes data from statewide agencies.[1] As indicated, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County had consistently exceeded other counties in reporting of rapes. Based on calculations, Maryland had a total of **2,130** reported rapes in 2024 and **2,100** in 2023This represents a 1.4% increase from 2023. This was the second highest number of total reported rapes in a single year in Maryland from 2008 to 2024.[2]

Please note that although some jurisdictions saw a decrease in reports made in 2024, it does not necessarily mean that fewer sexual assaults occurred in 2024 in comparison to 2023. Sexual assaults and rapes are still some of the most underreported crimes. This may be due to several barriers, including fear of retaliation, perception of insufficient evidence, fear of the criminal justice system, or belief that the police could not, or would not, help. For more information on barriers to reporting and reporting in general, please view our fact sheet titled "Why Survivors Don't Report."

[1] Crime in Maryland: 2023 Uniform Crime Report. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.
[2] This statistic incorporates a compilation of data available from Maryland's Uniform Crime Reports from 2017 – 2024. All reports are available at: https://mdsp.maryland.gov/about-us/archive-documents-reports-and-plans