

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—2,343,001 in 1950; ranked 24th among the states.¹ Estimated population, 3,060,700 in 1959.

Area—In square miles; land, 9,881; inland water, 696; Chesapeake Bay, 1,726; total, 12,303. Ranks 41st among the states.¹

Physiography—Divided into three provinces with progressively higher altitudes from east to west; Coastal Plain province extends from Atlantic Ocean to Fall Line; Piedmont, or "Foothill," province from Fall Line to crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains; Appalachian province from crest of Blue Ridge Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; minimum elevation, sea level; maximum elevation, 3,340 feet on Backbone Mountain.

Chesapeake Bay—185 miles long with 115 miles in Maryland and 70 miles in Virginia. Varies in width from 3 to 30 miles. Navigable for ocean-going ships and has two outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, one through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, one through the mouth of the Bay between the Virginia capes.

Chief Rivers—Navigable to cruisers and other pleasure craft; Potomac, Patuxent, Severn, Magothy, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Bush, Northeast, Elk, Sassafras, Chester, Miles, Tred Avon, Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico, and Pocomoke.

Water Frontage—15 of the 23 counties border on tidal water. Length of the tidal shore line, including the shore of islands, 1,045 miles.

Forest Area—2,920,000 acres, or about 46 percent of the land surface. Nearly 162 million board feet of lumber cut in 1954. Total value of forest products \$9,783,000 in 1954. Ten State forests and one State forest nursery cover 119,186 acres.

State Parks—Seventeen State parks containing 16,550 acres include ocean beaches, Chesapeake Bay shore, dense forests, and high mountains. Parks provide cabins, campsites, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, and mountain climbing.

Manufactures, 1954—Number of establishments, 3,253; total employees, 253,144; total payroll, \$987,559,000; value added by manufactures, \$1,888,585,000. Most important manufactures: primary metals and metal fabrications, transportation equipment, aircraft, food, chemicals, and wearing apparel.

Agriculture, 1954—Number of farms: 32,500 covering 61.6 percent of land area. Total farm products sold: \$195,072,119. Most valuable farm products: dairy products, \$55,818,000; poultry and poultry products, \$42,830,597; tobacco, \$15,319,145; corn, \$12,378,912; vegetables, \$10,838,366; wheat, \$10,279,326; soybeans, \$6,069,204; fruits, \$5,011,422.

Seafood Production, 1957—Fish, 16,823,000 pounds, value \$1,436,000; crabs, 31,838,000 pounds, value \$2,153,000; oysters, 2,990,872 U. S. bushels, value \$7,601,768; surf clams, 77,817 U. S. bushels, value \$134,090; soft clams, 228,700 U. S. bushels, value \$914,816; hard clams, 37,350 U. S. bushels, value \$173,647.

¹Not including Alaska and Hawaii.