

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—Estimated, 3,548,320 in 1965; ranked 19th among the states.

Area—In square miles; land, 9,874; inland water, 703; Chesapeake Bay, 1,726; total, 12,303. Ranks 42nd among the states.

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; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet on Backbone Mountain.

Chesapeake Bay—185 miles long with 1,726 square miles in Maryland and 1,511 square miles in Virginia. Varies in width from 3 to 20 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, South, Severn, Magothy, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Bush, Northeast, Elk, Bohemia, Sassafra, Chester, Wye, Miles, Tred Avon, Choptank, Little 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, 3,190 miles.

Forest Area—2,586,016 acres, or about 46 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood and piling. Twelve State forests and one State forest nursery cover 124,519 acres.

State Parks—Twenty-five State parks containing 30,387 acres include ocean beaches, Chesapeake Bay shore, dense forests, and high mountains. Parks provide cabins, campsites, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, and mountain climbing.

Manufactures, 1963—Number of establishments, 3,451; total employees, 263,709; total payroll, \$1,550,013,000; value added by manufactures, \$2,977,013,000. Most important manufactures: Food and kindred products, printing and publishing, apparel, fabricated metal products, machinery, chemicals and allied products.

Agriculture, 1962—25,600 farms covering 3,650,000 acres. Total farm receipts, \$296,374,000. Most valuable farm products: poultry and poultry products, \$83,656,000; dairy products, \$74,368,000; cattle and calves, \$29,720,000; tobacco, \$19,006,000; vegetable and melons, \$17,405,000; corn, \$15,263,000; soybeans, \$13,001,000; fruits, \$5,042,000.

Seafood Production, 1963—Fish, 21,115,898 pounds, value, \$1,439,357; crabs, 19,039,760 pounds, value, \$1,904,361; oysters, 1,620,294 U. S. bushels, value, \$5,568,312; soft clams, 571,585 U. S. bushels, value, \$1,573,749; hard clams, 61,447 U. S. bushels, value, \$253,509; total value of fishery products, \$10,761,241.

Mineral Production, 1963—Stone, 13,012,000 short tons, value, \$26,407,000; sand and gravel, 13,310,000 short tons, value, \$16,063,000; coal, 1,162,000 short tons, value, \$4,330,000; clays, 580,000 short tons, value, \$497,000; natural gas, 1,723,000,000 cubic feet, value, \$438,000; other minerals, value, \$22,113,000; total value, \$70,248,000.