

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

NAME

Maryland's name honors Queen Henrietta Maria (1609-1666), wife of Charles I of England (1600-1649) and daughter of Henry IV of France (1553-1610). Of nine children born to the Queen, three died in infancy, and two later assumed the throne. In 1644, Henrietta Maria left England for France. Her husband was executed in 1649. Her son, Charles II, ruled Great Britain and Ireland from 1667 to 1685, followed by her son James II from 1685 to 1688.

STATE CAPITAL

Annapolis is the State capital but St. Mary's City was the first seat of colonial government. In 1694, the General Assembly designated Anne Arundel Town as the capital and, in February 1694/5, the government moved there. After Queen Mary's death in December 1694, Anne Arundel Town was renamed Annapolis for her sister, the heiress apparent, Princess Anne.

STATEHOOD

Maryland, on April 28, 1788, became the seventh state to ratify the federal Constitution.

GOVERNMENT

Executive. The Governor, elected by popular vote for a four-year term, is the chief executive of the State. Fifteen cabinet-level executive departments oversee most State agencies.

Legislative. The General Assembly, Maryland's bicameral legislature, consists of a 47-member Senate and a 141-member House of Delegates. As of January 1994, the Senate has 38 Democrats and 9 Republicans; the House of Delegates includes 116 Democrats and 25 Republicans. Annually, the General Assembly convenes to enact laws on the second Wednesday in January for a 90-day session.

Judicial. The Judiciary consists of four court divisions: the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the District Court of Maryland.

Local. Of the 50 states, Maryland is among those with the fewest number of local governments. Local government exists in Maryland's 23 counties, 154 municipal corporations (including Baltimore City), and special taxing districts.

POPULATION

	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Projected	2010 Projected
Maryland	4,216,975	4,781,468 (+ 13.4%)	5,180,975	5,524,350 (+ 12%)
Allegany County	80,548	74,946 (-7.0%)	76,100	76,600
Anne Arundel County	370,775	427,239 (+ 15.2%)	467,100	502,100
Baltimore City	786,775	736,014 (-6.4%)	729,100	717,300
Baltimore County	655,615	692,134 (+ 5.6%)	726,400	745,800
Calvert County	34,638	51,372 (+ 48.3%)	67,600	81,200
Caroline County	23,143	27,035 (+ 16.8%)	29,700	31,500
Carroll County	96,356	123,372 (+ 28.0%)	154,300	176,600
Cecil County	60,430	71,347 (+ 18.1%)	90,200	99,300
Charles County	72,751	101,154 (+ 39.0%)	126,900	147,900
Dorchester County	30,623	30,236 (-1.3%)	31,200	31,500
Frederick County	114,792	150,208 (+ 30.9%)	184,700	211,800
Garrett County	26,498	28,138 (+ 6.2%)	30,200	31,900
Harford County	145,930	182,132 (+ 24.8%)	208,200	231,400
Howard County	118,572	187,328 (+ 58.0%)	228,400	269,000
Kent County	16,695	17,842 (+ 6.9%)	17,600	17,800
Montgomery County	579,053	757,027 (+ 30.7%)	807,800	848,200
Prince George's County	665,071	729,268 (+ 9.7%)	772,400	840,900
Queen Anne's County	25,508	33,953 (+ 33.1%)	40,900	46,500
St. Mary's County	59,895	75,974 (+ 26.8%)	84,000	92,500
Somerset County	19,188	23,440 (+ 22.2%)	24,875	25,150
Talbot County	25,604	30,549 (+ 19.3%)	31,500	33,200
Washington County	113,086	121,393 (+ 7.3%)	125,800	130,300
Wicomico County	64,540	74,339 (+ 15.2%)	82,000	87,600
Worcester County	30,889	35,028 (+ 13.4%)	44,000	48,300