

POPULATION

In the 1990 federal census, the State's population was 4,781,468. Maryland ranks 19th in population among the states; in 1991 ranks 6th in population density with 497.2 persons per square land mile.

**Incorporated Cities over 10,000 Population
1990 Census**

Baltimore 736,014	Greenbelt 21,096
Rockville 44,835	Salisbury 20,592
Frederick 40,148	Laurel 19,438
Gaithersburg 39,542	Takoma Park 16,700
Bowie 37,589	Hyattsville 13,864
Hagerstown 35,445	Aberdeen 13,087
Annapolis 33,187	Westminster 13,068
Cumberland 23,706	New Carrollton 12,002
College Park 21,927	Cambridge 11,514

**Unincorporated Areas over 20,000 Population
1990 Census**

Silver Spring 76,046	Chillum 31,309
Columbia 75,883	North Bethesda 29,650
Dundalk 65,800	St. Charles 28,717
Bethesda 62,938	South Gate 27,564
Wheaton-Glenmont 53,720	Bel Air South 26,421
Towson 49,445	Randallstown 26,277
Potomac 45,634	Severna Park 25,879
Aspen Hill 45,494	Carney 25,578
Ellicott City 41,398	Lochearn 25,240
Essex 40,872	Pikesville 24,815
Glen Burnie 37,305	Middle River 24,616
Oxon Hill-Glassmanor 35,794	Severn 24,499
Germantown 41,145	Ft. Washington 24,032
Catonsville 35,233	Edgewood 23,903
Woodlawn 32,907	Olney 23,019
Montgomery Village 32,315	Perry Hall 22,723
Suitland-Silver Hill 35,111	Milford Mill 22,547
Parkville 31,617	Arnold 20,261

LOCATION

Highway distance from Central Maryland (in miles): Boston, 392; Chicago, 668; New York City, 196; Philadelphia, 96; Pittsburgh, 218; Richmond, 143; Washington, DC, 37.

DISTANCES

Longest east-west, 198.6 miles—Fairfax Stone to Delaware Line; north-south, 125.5 miles—Pennsylvania line to Virginia line at Smith Point on south shore mouth of Potomac River; shortest north-south, 1.9 miles—Pennsylvania line to south bank of Potomac River near Hancock; farthest points, northwest corner to southeast corner at Atlantic Ocean, 254.7 miles.

PHYSIOGRAPHY

Divided into three provinces with progressively higher altitudes from east to west: Coastal Plain province extends from Atlantic Ocean to Fall Line, a natural line running from Delaware boundary,

around head of Chesapeake Bay, through Baltimore, and southwest to Washington, where streams drop to lower land level; Piedmont or "Foothill" province from Fall Line to base of Catoctin Mountains; Appalachian province from base of Catoctin Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet at Backbone Mountain.

AREA

Land 9,837 sq. miles
Inland Water 626 sq. miles
Chesapeake Bay 1,726 sq. miles
Total 12,189 sq. miles

Ranks 42nd among the states.

CLIMATE

Generally moderate, varies from mild to hot in summer, and in winter from moderate in the east and south to very cold in the western mountains. Average annual rainfall: 41.82 inches. Average seasonal snowfall: 21.6 inches, ranging from 10 inches on the southern Eastern Shore to 110 inches in Garrett County. Average annual temperature: 55.1 degrees Fahrenheit, with high temperatures in July, the warmest month, averaging in the low 80s and the low temperatures in January, the coldest month, averaging in the low 30s. Duration of the freeze-free period averages 185 days, ranging from 130 days in Garrett County to 230 days in the southern Chesapeake Bay area.

FOREST AREA

Approximately 2.7 million acres, or 43% of the land surface. Oak and hickory are the dominant hardwood or deciduous forest type, making up 60% of forested areas. Loblolly pine is the most prevalent softwood and is the predominant forest wood on the Eastern Shore. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood, and piling. The total value of all manufacturing relating to wood and forest products in the State exceeds \$500,000,000 annually. Nine State forests, one State forest nursery, and four demonstration forests cover 134,018 acres.

STATE PARKS & RECREATION AREAS

Forty-seven operational State parks, including 7 parks with waterfront areas, covering 90,239 acres; 15 State-owned lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 9 State forests and portions of 15 State parks open to public hunting; 36 wildlife management areas, covering 88,348 acres, open to public hunting; 6 natural environment areas containing 7,676 acres.

CHIEF RIVERS

Bush, Chester, Choptank, Elk, Great Bohemia, Gunpowder, Magothy, Miles, Nanticoke, Northeast, Patapsco, Patuxent, Pocomoke, Potomac, Sasfras, Severn, South, Susquehanna, Tred Avon, Wicomico, and Wye.