

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—1940 Census, 1,821,244.

Area—12,300.21 square miles; 9,870.32 land, 2,429.89 water.

Counties—

Allegany	Cecil	Howard	Somerset
Anne Arundel	Charles	Kent	Talbot
Baltimore	Dorchester	Montgomery	Washington
Calvert	Frederick	Prince George's	Wicomico
Caroline	Garrett	Queen Anne's	Worcester
Carroll	Harford	St. Mary's	

Baltimore City has the status of both a city and county.

Original charter—1632.

Founded by Cecil Calvert, Second Lord Baltimore—1634.

Named after Queen Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I of England.

First Settlement—St. Mary's.

One of original Thirteen Colonies.

Dimensions of State—Extends 200 miles along Pennsylvania boundary and varies from 2 to 130 miles in length.

Chesapeake Bay—180 miles in length and from 3 to 30 miles in width.

Principal rivers—Susquehanna, Potomac, Patapsco, Patuxent, Severn, Wicomico, Sassafras, Chester, Choptank, Nanticoke, Pocomoke, Tred Avon, Wye, Miles, Bush, Gunpowder, Elk, North East and Bohemia.

Maryland has more river frontage than any other State in the Union.

Baltimore's harbor has approximately 40 miles of deep water frontage.

The City is the country's second port in import tonnage and total foreign trade. It is also one of the leading Atlantic and Gulf ports in the handling of intercoastal traffic moving through the Panama Canal.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and the Elk River furnish a short inland water route from the Chesapeake Bay to the Delaware River. The canal was first constructed in 1829 by the States of Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania and the Federal Government. This 15-mile sea-level waterway was purchased by the Federal Government in 1919 at a cost of \$2,500,000. The canal was recently improved to accommodate deep-draft vessels in the coastwise, intercoastal and overseas trades. It now has a navigable depth of 27 feet and a bottom project width of 250 feet. Approximately 14,000 ships, carrying over 3,750,000 cargo tons, moved through the canal in 1940. (Latest figures available because of war conditions.)

Typical elevations in Western Maryland counties—Garrett County: Great Backbone Mountain, 3,340 feet; Eagle Rock, 3,162 feet; Meadow Mountain, 3,031 feet; Sampson Rock, 2,942 feet. Allegany County: Dan's Rock, 2,898 feet; Wolf Rock, 2,796 feet; Warrior Mountain, 2,135 feet; Town Hill, 2,000 feet. Washington County: Quirauk, 2,145 feet; Fairview Mountain, 1,700 feet; Sideling Hill, 1,640 feet; Maryland Heights, 1,468 feet. Frederick County: Bob's Hill, 1,710 feet; South Mountain, 1,700 feet; Eagle Mountain, 1,660 feet; Round Top, 1,640 feet.

Maryland packs more tomatoes than any other State in the Union, ranks first in the production of black muskrat pelts, the choicest in the market, and next to Louisiana in the production of all muskrat pelts and is one of the leading strawberry, spinach and sweet potato producing and vegetable canning states.