The first census of Maryland was taken in 1790, returning a population of 319,728. The population has shown an increase at every census since that time, passing 500,000 between 1840 and 1850, 1,000,000 between 1880 and 1890, and 1,500,000 between 1920 and 1930. The present population represents a density of 184.2 inhabitants per square mile. Maryland's total land area is 9,887 square miles.

Table 1, presents the figures for counties and for urban places of 10,000 or more, and Table 2, for incorporated places of less than 10,000. Table 3 shows the population of Baltimore city by wards.