

# MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

*Population*—3,922,399 in 1970; ranked 18th among the states in 1970.

*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 Catoctin Mountains; Appalachian province from crest of Catoctin Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet on Backbone Mountain.

*Chesapeake Bay*—195 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.

*Boating Waters*—Twenty-three rivers and bays with more than 400 miles of water tributary to the Chesapeake Bay; Chincoteague Bay with 35 miles of water accessible to and from the Atlantic Ocean.

*Water Frontage*—17 of the 23 counties and Baltimore City border on tidal water. Length of the tidal shore line, including the shore of islands, 3,190 miles.

*Forest Area*—2,964,000 acres, or about 47 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood and piling. Eleven State forests and one State forest nursery cover 128,049 acres.

*State Parks and Recreation Areas*—Thirty-one operational State parks covering 50,000 acres; 67 lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 11 State forests open to public hunting; 26 wildlife management areas open to public hunting covering 59,180 acres; four refuges and one game farm contain 845 acres.

*Manufactures, 1967*—Number of establishments 3,401; total employees 287,600; total payroll \$1,956,000,000; total value added by manufactures \$3,781,300,000. Most important manufactures: primary metal products, food and kindred products, chemical and allied products; transportation equipment, and printing and publishing, electrical equipment and supplies, fabricated metal products.

*Agriculture, 1968*—19,500 farms covering 3,300,000 acres. Total farm receipts \$353,291,000. Most valuable farm products: poultry and poultry products, \$105,483,000; livestock products, other than poultry, \$129,926,000; crops, including horticultural and forest products, \$111,105,000. Most valuable crops: corn, \$22,146,000; tobacco, \$19,990,000; vegetables and potatoes, \$24,997,000; soybeans, \$12,192,000; fruits, nuts, and berries, \$6,968,000.

*Mineral Production, 1969*—Stone, 15,067,000 short tons, value \$30,504,000; sand and gravel, 14,230,000 short tons, value \$21,226,000; bituminous coal, 1,368,000 short tons, value \$5,261,000; clays, 1,152,000 short tons, value \$1,369,000; natural gas, 978 million cubic feet, value \$248,000; peat 4,481 short tons, value \$78,000; value of all mineral production which cannot be itemized separately \$24,797,000; total value of all mineral production \$83,483,000.