

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

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

Estimated Population, July 1, 1977. 4,137,620

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

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 the 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.

Climate. Generally moderate, the climate varies from mild to hot in summer and in winter from moderate in the east and south to very cold in the mountainous region. Average annual rainfall, 41.65 inches; average annual snowfall, 26.70 inches; temperature average 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit maximum, 43.7 degrees Fahrenheit minimum, and 54 degrees Fahrenheit mean.

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.

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

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. Sixteen of the 23 counties and Baltimore City border on tidal water. Length of tidal shoreline, including islands, 3,190 miles.

Forest Area. More than 2,970,000 acres, or approximately 47 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood, and piling. Nine State forests and one State forest nursery cover 118,362 acres.

State Parks and Recreation Areas. Thirty-five operational State parks covering 63,525 acres; 66 lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 9 State forests and portions of 9 State parks open to public hunting; 31 wildlife management areas covering 64,799 acres open to public hunting; 3 natural environment areas containing approximately 5,700 acres.

Manufacturers, 1976. Number of establishments, 2,432; total employees, 231,600; total payroll, \$3,284,000,000; total value added by manufacturers, \$5,257,000,000. Most important manufactures: food and kindred products; primary metal products; electric and electronic products; transportation equipment; chemical and allied products; and machinery (except electrical).

Agriculture, 1977. 17,400 farms covering 2,900,000 acres. Total farm receipts \$660,865,000. Most valuable farm products: poultry and poultry products \$204,491,000, field crops \$165,198,000; dairy products \$162,168,000. Most valuable crops: corn \$68,856,000; soybeans \$41,089,000; tobacco \$30,200,000; vegetables and melons \$25,766,000; greenhouse and nursery \$25,000,000; wheat \$10,733,000; fruit \$10,721,000. Workers on farms 31,000.

Mineral Production, 1975. Stone, 15,709,000 short tons, value, \$47,669,000; sand and gravel, 12,942,000 short tons, value, \$31,914,000; bituminous coal, 2,830,000 tons, value, \$61,974,000; clays (except ball clay) 702,000 short tons, value, \$1,817,000; natural gas, 75 million cubic feet, value, \$24,000; peat, 2,000 tons; value of mineral production that cannot be itemized, \$41,026,000; total value of all mineral production, \$181,424,000.

Seafood Production, 1977. Fish, 15,830,000 pounds, dockside value, \$2,752,000; crabs, 20,400,000 pounds, dockside value, \$6,018,000; oysters, 2,191,000 bushels, dockside value, \$14,142,000; clams, including soft-shell, hard-shell, and surf, 10,037,000 pounds, dockside