

- 1776, July 4 Declaration of Independence adopted in Philadelphia. Engrossed copy signed by Marylanders William Paca, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase.
- 1776, Nov. 3 Declaration of Rights adopted by Ninth Convention. Church of England disestablished.
- 1776, Nov. 8 First State Constitution adopted by Ninth Convention.
- 1776, Dec. 20–1777, March 4 Continental Congress met at Baltimore.
- 1781, March 1 Maryland ratified Articles of Confederation.
- 1781, Nov. 5 John Hanson elected President of the United States in Congress Assembled.
- 1782 Washington College established at Chestertown.
- 1783, Nov. 26–1784, June 3 Continental Congress met at Annapolis.
- 1783, Dec. 23. Washington resigned commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army at State House in Annapolis.
- 1784 St. John's College established at Annapolis.
- 1784, Jan. 14 Treaty of Paris ending Revolutionary War ratified by Congress at Annapolis.
- 1785, Aug. China trade begun with arrival of Canton cargo at Baltimore.
- 1785, Dec. 5 General Assembly endorsed Compact of 1785, an agreement with Virginia on navigation and fishing in the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.
- 1786, Sept. 11–14 Annapolis Convention held to discuss revisions to Articles of Confederation. Maryland sent no representatives.
- 1788, April 28 Maryland ratified Federal Constitution.
- 1791, Dec. 19 Maryland ceded land for District of Columbia.
- 1796 Baltimore City incorporated.
- 1802 Freeborn blacks disenfranchised.
- 1802 Property qualification for voting removed in local elections.
- 1803 *Viva voce* voting at elections changed to voting by ballot.
- 1807, Dec. 18 University of Maryland chartered as the College of Medicine of Maryland.
- 1810 Property qualification ended in voting for electors for president, vice-president, and congressmen.
- 1814, Aug. 24 Battle of Bladensburg.
- 1814, Sept. 12 British repulsed at Battle of North Point.
- 1814, Sept. 13 Bombardment of Fort McHenry, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write "Star-Spangled Banner."
- 1818 National Road completed from Cumberland to Wheeling.
- 1819, March 6 In *M'Culloch v. Maryland*, U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall interpreted Constitution to signify implied powers of federal government.
- 1824–1829 Chesapeake and Delaware Canal constructed.
- 1826 Jewish enfranchisement.
- 1827, Feb. 28 Baltimore and Ohio Railroad chartered.
- 1828–1848 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal constructed (to Cumberland by 1848).
- 1838, Oct. 3 Governor and State senators first elected by voters rather than by legislature.
- 1844, May 24 Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrated telegraph line from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.
- 1845, Oct. 10 U. S. Naval Academy founded.
- 1850, Nov. 4–1851, May 13 Constitutional Convention of 1850–1851.
- 1851, June 14 Second State Constitution adopted.
- 1854–1859 Rise of Know Nothing Party. Baltimore riots caused city to be known as "Mobtown."
- 1859, Oct. 6 Maryland Agricultural College opened at College Park.
- 1859, Oct. 16 John Brown's raid launched from site in Maryland on federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry.
- 1861, April 19 Sixth Massachusetts Regiment of Union troops attacked by Baltimore mob.