

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.
1861, April 26	General Assembly met in special session at Frederick while federal troops occupied Annapolis.
1861, May 13	Gen. Benjamin F. Butler’s Union forces occupied Baltimore.
1862, Sept. 17	Battle of Antietam.
1863, June	Confederates invaded Maryland en route to Gettysburg.
1864, April 27–Sept. 6	Constitutional Convention of 1864.
1864, July 6	Hagerstown held for ransom by Confederates.
1864, July 9	Frederick held for ransom by Confederates.
1864, July 9	Battle of Monocacy.
1864, Oct. 12–13, 29	Gov. Bradford declared Third State Constitution adopted after soldiers’ vote was added to election totals. A test oath was required of all voters.
1864, Nov. 1	Maryland slaves emancipated by State Constitution of 1864.
1867, May 8–Aug. 17	Constitutional Convention of 1867.
1867, Sept. 18	Fourth State Constitution adopted.
1876, Oct. 3	The Johns Hopkins University opened in Baltimore.
1877, Jan. 16	Maryland-Virginia boundary demarcated by Jenkins-Black Award.
1877, July 20–22	Baltimore and Ohio Railroad strike riot at Baltimore.
1886, Jan. 5	Enoch Pratt Free Library opened in Baltimore.
1888–1889	Oyster Wars; fighting between Maryland and Virginia watermen on Chesapeake Bay.
1890	Australian secret ballot in elections adopted.
1894	First child labor law passed.
1902	Workmen’s compensation law enacted, first such law in U.S.
1902	Compulsory school attendance law passed.
1904, Feb. 7	Baltimore fire.
1909, April 6	Matthew Henson, of Charles County, reached North Pole with Robert Peary.
1915, Nov. 2	Referendum and County Home Rule amendments adopted.
1916, Nov. 7	Executive budget process established by Constitutional amendment mandating balanced State budgets.
1920	Merit system established for State employees.
1931, March 3	“Star-Spangled Banner” adopted as national anthem.
1937	State income tax instituted.
1937, June 1	City of Greenbelt chartered, a New Deal model community.
1941, Dec. 7	<i>U.S.S. Maryland</i> among naval ships attacked at Pearl Harbor.
1948	Montgomery County became first county to adopt charter form of government.
1950, June 24	Friendship International Airport (later BWI) began operation.
1952, July 31	Chesapeake Bay Bridge opened.
1955, Sept.	Desegregation of public schools begun.
1956	Voting machines used for elections throughout State.
1956, Dec.	Baltimore urban renewal begun.
1957, Nov. 29	Baltimore Harbor Tunnel opened.
1964, April 7	Public accommodations law enacted.
1967, June 21	Opening of Columbia, a planned city incorporating one-tenth of the land area of Howard County.
1967, Sept. 12–1968, Jan. 10	Constitutional Convention of 1967–1968.
1968, May 14	Proposed State Constitution rejected by voters.