

- 1776, June 26 ..... Departure of Robert Eden, Maryland's last colonial governor.
- 1776, July 3 ..... Maryland Convention declared independence from Great Britain.
- 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 ..... Continental Congress met at Baltimore.
- 1777, Feb. 5 ..... First General Assembly elected under State Constitution of 1776 met at Annapolis.
- 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 26 ..... Maryland ratified Federal Constitution.
- 1791, Dec. 19 ..... Maryland ceded land for District of Columbia.
- 1796 ..... Baltimore City incorporated.
- 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.
- 1810 ..... Free blacks disenfranchised.
- 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.