
MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

NAME

Maryland was named in honor of Queen Henrietta Maria (1609-1666), wife of Charles I of England and daughter of Henry IV of France.

STATE CAPITAL

Annapolis: The original capital was St. Mary's City. In 1694, the General Assembly designated Anne Arundel Town the capital. After Queen Mary's death in December 1694, Anne Arundel Town was renamed Annapolis for Queen Mary's sister and heiress apparent, Princess Anne. The government moved to Annapolis in February 1694/5, when the site was still known as Anne Arundel Town.

STATEHOOD

April 28, 1788, the seventh state.

GOVERNMENT

Executive. The governor, elected by popular vote for a four-year term, is the chief executive of the State. Fifteen cabinet-level executive departments oversee most State agencies. **Legislative.** The General Assembly, Maryland's bicameral legislature, consists of a 47-member Senate and a 141-member House of Delegates. As of January 1989, the Senate has 40 Democrats and 7 Republicans; the House of Delegates includes 125 Democrats and 16 Republicans. The General Assembly meets each year on the second Wednesday in January for 90 days to enact laws. **Judicial.** The Judiciary consists of four court divisions: the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the District Courts. **Local.** Of the 50 states, Maryland is among those with the fewest number of local governments. Local government exists in Maryland's 23 counties, 154 municipal corporations (including Baltimore City), and special taxing districts.

AREA

In square miles: land, 9,837; inland water, 623; Chesapeake Bay, 1,726; total, 12,186. 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 Catoctin Mountains; Appalachian province from base of Catoctin Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet at Backbone Mountain.

POPULATION

4,216,975 in 1980 census; ranks 18th in population among the states; ranks 6th in population density with 447 persons per square land mile.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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| 1990 | 4,666,200 |
| 2000 | 5,005,550 |
| 2010 | 5,248,850 |

INCORPORATED CITIES OVER 10,000 POPULATION, 1986 (est.)

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|--------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|
| Baltimore | 752,800 | Salisbury | 17,740 |
| Rockville | 46,900 | Greenbelt | 16,100 |
| Bowie | 35,740 | Takoma Park | 14,360 |
| Hagerstown | 33,670 | New Carrollton | 12,180 |
| Frederick | 33,800 | Laurel | 12,190 |
| Annapolis | 33,360 | Hyattsville | 11,470 |
| Gaithersburg | 32,350 | Aberdeen | 11,940 |
| Cumberland | 23,230 | Cambridge | 11,070 |
| College Park | 21,810 | Westminster | 10,230 |

UNINCORPORATED AREAS OVER 20,000 POPULATION, 1980

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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Bethesda | 83,022 | Towson | 31,085 |
| Silver Spring | 72,893 | Security | 29,553 |
| Dundalk | 71,293 | Lochearn | 26,904 |
| Columbia | 52,518 | Middle River | 26,756 |
| Wheaton-Glenmont | 48,698 | Randallstown | 25,927 |
| Aspen Hill | 47,445 | South Gate | 24,185 |
| Potomac | 40,402 | Pikesville | 22,525 |
| Essex | 39,614 | Ellicott City | 21,784 |
| Glen Burnie | 37,263 | Carney | 21,488 |
| Oxon Hill | 36,262 | Severna Park | 21,253 |
| Parkville | 35,139 | Milford Mill | 20,334 |
| Catonsville | 33,206 | Arbutus | 20,163 |
| Suitland-Silver Hill | 32,164 | | |

PER CAPITA INCOME, 1985 (est.)

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| Maryland | \$12,967 | | |
| Allegany | \$ 8,771 | Harford | \$11,901 |
| Anne Arundel | \$13,487 | Howard | \$16,222 |
| Baltimore City | \$ 8,647 | Kent | \$ 9,785 |
| Baltimore County | \$13,982 | Montgomery | \$19,589 |
| Calvert | \$11,780 | Prince George's | \$13,067 |
| Caroline | \$ 8,943 | Queen Anne's | \$11,012 |
| Carroll | \$11,679 | St. Mary's | \$10,435 |
| Cecil | \$10,226 | Somerset | \$ 7,819 |
| Charles | \$11,680 | Talbot | \$12,828 |
| Dorchester | \$ 9,085 | Washington | \$ 9,814 |
| Frederick | \$11,508 | Wicomico | \$10,139 |
| Garrett | \$ 7,406 | Worcester | \$10,227 |