

- 1902 Compulsory school attendance law passed.
- 1904, Feb. 7 Baltimore fire. Seventy blocks in heart of business district devastated.
- 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.
- 1938, June National Institutes of Health established in Bethesda.
- 1941, Dec. 7 U.S.S. *Maryland* among naval ships attacked at Pearl Harbor.
- 1947, July 1 State sales tax instituted.
- 1948 Montgomery 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.
- 1959, May Goddard Space Flight Center opened in Greenbelt.
- 1963, June 11 Cambridge riots. National Guard remained through May 1965.
- 1964, April 7 Public accommodations law enacted.
- 1967, June 21 Opening of Columbia, a planned community incorporating one-tenth of the land area of Howard County.
- 1967, July 25 Cambridge riots.
- 1967, Sept. 12-1968, Jan. 10 . Constitutional Convention of 1967-1968.
- 1968, May 14 Proposed State Constitution rejected by voters.
- 1970, Spring Student rebellion at University of Maryland, College Park.
- 1973 Second parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge opened.
- 1973 Urban "homesteading" begun in Baltimore. City sold abandoned houses for \$1 each to buyers for renovation.
- 1976 Maryland Science Center opened in Baltimore.
- 1980 Maryland and Virginia established Chesapeake Bay Commission to coordinate interstate legislative planning and programs to restore Bay resources.
- 1980, July 2 Harborplace, a 3-acre center of restaurants and shops, opened in Baltimore City, signaling the revitalization of Baltimore's Inner Harbor.
- 1981 National Aquarium opened in Baltimore.
- 1983, Dec. 9 Chesapeake Bay Agreement to improve water quality and living resources of the Bay signed by Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia, Chesapeake Bay Commission, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1985 Pennsylvania joined Chesapeake Bay Commission.
- 1987, Dec. 14 Chesapeake Bay Agreement to restore and protect the Bay signed by Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia, Chesapeake Bay Commission, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.