

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DATA

Location and Size

Maryland is located on the East Coast in the South Atlantic Census Region and is bordered by the States of Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia, and by the District of Columbia. Maryland encompasses a geographic area of 12,303 square miles and ranks 42nd among the fifty states in size. Maryland's land area (exclusive of inland waterways and the 1,726 square miles of the Chesapeake Bay) is 9,874 square miles.

Population

Maryland's population is concentrated in urban areas, the seven counties and Baltimore City located in the Baltimore and Washington corridor containing 31.7% of the State's land area and 82.2% of the population.* The estimated 1978 population for the Baltimore SMSA was 2,145,000 and for the Maryland portion of the Washington SMSA was 1,305,000. Overall, Maryland's projected population per square mile in 1978 was 418.4, making Maryland the fifth most densely populated state in the Union.** The following table presents population trends of Maryland and the United States since 1940:

Year	Maryland Population	% Increase Over Preceding Period	United States Population	% Increase Over Preceding Period
1940(a)	1,821,000	—	132,165,000	—
1950(a)	2,343,000	28.6%	151,326,000	14.5%
1960(a)	3,113,000	32.9%	179,979,000	18.9%
1970(b)	3,922,000	26.5%	203,235,000	12.9%
1971(b)	4,008,000	1.8%	206,219,000	1.2%
1972(b)	4,063,000	1.4%	208,234,000	1.0%
1973(b)	4,081,000	0.4%	209,859,000	0.8%
1974(b)	4,100,000	0.5%	211,389,000	0.7%
1975(b)	4,111,000	0.3%	213,051,000	0.8%
1976(b)	4,125,000	0.3%	214,669,000	0.8%
1977(b)	4,139,000	0.3%	216,332,000	0.8%
1978(b)	4,148,000	0.2%	218,228,000	0.9%
1979(b)	4,149,000	0.0%	220,099,000	0.9%

SOURCES:

(a) Maryland and United States data for 1940, 1950 and 1960: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1975.

(b) Maryland and United States data for 1970-1977: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 734. Maryland and United States data for 1978-1979: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 868.

*Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development, *Maryland Statistical Abstract*, 1975.

**U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1978.

Wealth

The following table shows for the years 1975-1979 the per capita income, retail sales, and assessed property values of Maryland and the United States.

Year	Per Capita Income(a)		Retail Sales(b) (In Millions)		Assessed Property Value(c) (In Millions)	
	Md.	U.S.	Md.	U.S.	Md.	U.S.
1975	\$6,401	\$5,861	\$11,865	\$596,712	\$28,519	N/A
1976	7,054	6,401	12,812	661,749	31,650	N/A
1977	7,612	7,043	13,474	724,139	34,540	N/A
1978	8,514	7,854	15,084	817,461	36,386	N/A
1979	9,331	8,773	17,513	887,519	41,204	N/A

SOURCES:

(a) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, *Survey of Current Business*, vol. 60, No. 8 (August, 1980).

(b) *Survey of Buying Power, Sales Management: The Marketing Magazine* (various years).

(c) Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, *Thirty-Sixth Report*, January, 1980.