

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—1,821,244; 28th state in rank (1940 U. S. Census).

Area—10,577 square miles (9,887 land, 690 inland water); 41st state in size (U. S. Census).

Geophysics—Maryland is divided into three chief regions: Appalachian area, Piedmont Plateau, and Coastal Plain. First is mountainous, Great Backbone Mountain, Garrett County, highest peak—3,340 feet. Piedmont Plateau is rich agricultural hilly land. Coastal Plain includes south and east of "Fall Line," so-called for frequency of waterfalls. Land drops to near sea level in Coastal Plain.

Chesapeake Bay—State's chief body of water, 180 miles long, 3 to 30 miles wide, greater producer of sea food than any comparable area.

Chief Rivers—Potomac, Susquehanna, Choptank, Nanticoke, Elk, Patapsco, Sassafras, Magothy, Severn, Gunpowder, Bush, Miles, and Chester.

Water frontage—Baltimore harbor about 40 miles; Chesapeake Bay and estuaries, 3,600 miles. Chesapeake and Delaware Canal furnishes an inland route to the sea capable of handling most merchant ships.

Forest Area—2,685,000 acres, about 42 percent of the State's land surface. Estimated value (1949) \$60,000,000. State Forests—Green Ridge 25,451, acres; Elk Neck 3,762; Doncaster 1,464; Cedarville 3,510; Mt. Nebo 1,791; Potomac 12,057; Savage River 51,517; Swallow Falls 7,458; Seth Demonstration 124; Pocomoke 12,377. Total 119,511.

State Parks—Elk Neck 995 acres; Gambrill 1,088; Gathland 101; Patapsco 1,564; Wye Oak 1.5; Fort Frederick 279; Fort Tonoloway (undeveloped) 20; Washington Monument 96; Sandy Point State Park 725 (to be opened in 1950).

Industries—Product value \$1,140,000,000 (1947) Food and kindred products; transportation equipment, chemicals and allied products, apparel and related products, fabricated metals, printing and publishing, machinery.

Agriculture—Product value \$234,607,000 (1948) chickens, dairy products, corn, tobacco, vegetables, wheat. Maryland leads all states in tomato canning.

Seafood—Production: oysters 2,027,381 bushels (1947-48 season); crabs 16,005,858 pounds (hard); 8,484,080 pounds (softshell); Finfish—total 17,981,041 valued at \$1,589,693; alewives 2,745,337 pounds; croakers 2,618,523; striped bass 2,307,024; whiting 1,992,732; trout 1,976,541; white perch 1,036,786 (1947).

Mine Output—Coal 1,590,164 tons; fire clay 116,344 tons (1948).

Baltimore's Port—Stood first in exports in 1947 and handled a total volume of 14,331,741 long tons. Its foreign trade exports totaled 5,175,045 long tons and imports totaled 9,156,696 long tons. In import tonnage it stood second to New York (1948).

Cities—(over 10,000 population) Baltimore 895,100; Cumberland 39,483; Hagerstown 32,491; Frederick 15,802; Salisbury 13,313; Annapolis 13,069; Cambridge 10,102 (1940 census).