

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—3,100,689 in 1960; ranked 21st among the states.

Area—In square miles; land, 9,874; inland water, 703; Chesapeake Bay, 1,726; total, 12,303. 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 crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains; Appalachian province from crest of Blue Ridge Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet on Backbone Mountain.

Chesapeake Bay—185 miles long with 1,726 square miles in Maryland and 1,511 square miles in Virginia. Varies in width from 3 to 30 miles. Navigable for ocean-going ships and has two outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, one through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, one through the mouth of the Bay between the Virginia capes.

Chief Rivers—Navigable to cruisers and other pleasure craft; Potomac, Patuxent, South, Severn, Magothy, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Bush, Northeast, Elk, Bohemia, Sassafras, Chester, Wye, Miles, Tred Avon, Choptank, Little Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico and Pocomoke.

Water Frontage—15 of the 23 counties border on tidal water. Length of the tidal shore line, including the shore of islands, 3,190 miles.

Forest Area—2,920,000 acres, or about 46 percent of the land surface. Over 200 million board feet of lumber cut in 1957. Total value of forest products \$6,978,625 in 1957. Eleven State forests and one State forest nursery cover 119,184 acres.

State Parks—Nineteen State parks containing 18,620 acres include ocean beaches, Chesapeake Bay shore, dense forests, and high mountains. Parks provide cabins, campsites, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, and mountain climbing.

Manufactures, 1958—Number of establishments, 3,436; total employees, 256,897; total payroll, \$1,241,823,000; value added by manufactures, \$2,379,414,000. Most important manufactures: primary metals, transportation equipment, food products, chemicals, electrical machinery, fabricated metal products, and wearing apparel.

Agriculture, 1959—Number of farms: 25,122 covering 54.7 percent of land area. Total farm products sold: \$231,135,509. Most valuable farm products: dairy products, \$63,625,107; poultry and poultry products, \$56,417,080; other livestock products, \$36,010,334; tobacco, \$17,912,292; corn, \$14,134,537; vegetables, \$9,333,424; soybeans, \$8,834,372; wheat, \$5,441,375; fruits, nuts and berries, \$4,374,582.

Seafood Production, 1959—Fish, 22,189,000 pounds, value, \$1,749,000; crabs, 23,160,000 pounds, value, \$2,097,000; oysters, 2,547,200 U. S. bushels, value, \$7,234,124; soft clams 373,392 U. S. bushels, value, \$1,424,515; hard clams, 30,350 U. S. bushels, value, \$106,150.