

# 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, 3,860 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 20 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*—2,586,016 acres, or about 46 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood and piling. Eleven State forests and one State forest nursery cover 119,184 acres.

*State Parks*—Twenty-one State parks containing 21,500 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 per cent 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, 1961*—Fish, 21,397,000 pounds, value \$1,422,000; crabs, 29,350,000 pounds, value, \$2,081,000; oysters, 2,117,000 U. S. bushels, value, \$7,802,000; soft clams, 390,000 U. S. bushels, value, \$1,231,000; hard clams, 111,600 U. S. bushels, value, \$217,000.

*Mineral Production, 1961*—Stone, 10,671,000 short tons, value \$21,203,000; sand and gravel, 12,404,000 short tons, value \$16,894,000; coal, 757,000 short tons, value \$2,868,000; clays, 581,000 short tons, value \$997,000; natural gas, 3,578 million cubic feet, value \$973,000; miscellaneous minerals, value \$20,153,000; total value \$62,264,000.