

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—Estimated, 3,548,320 in 1965; ranked 19th 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 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.

Boating Waters—Twenty-three rivers and bays with more than 400 miles of water tributary to the Chesapeake Bay; Chincoteague Bay with 35 miles of water accessible to and from the Atlantic Ocean.

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. Twelve State forests and one State forest nursery cover 124,519 acres.

State Parks and Recreation Areas—Twenty-nine State parks covering 34,385 acres; 30 lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 12 State forests open to public hunting.

Manufactures, 1963—Number of establishments 3,519; total employees 263,672; total payroll \$1,549,834,000, total value added by manufacture \$3,001,468,000. Most important manufactures: primary metal industries, food and kindred products, transportation equipment, electrical machinery, chemical and allied products, apparel and related products.

Agriculture, 1964—20,760 farms covering 3,180,696 acres. Total farm receipts \$275,904,017. Most valuable farm products: poultry and poultry products, \$80,656,514; livestock products other than poultry, \$71,730,603; crops, including horticultural and forest products, \$93,036,205. Most valuable crops: corn, \$34,328,188; tobacco, \$19,600,144; vegetables and potatoes, \$12,090,346; soybeans, \$8,149,445; fruits, berries and nuts, \$4,932,619.

Mineral Products, 1965—Stone, 14,553,000 short tons, value \$28,432,000; sand and gravel, 16,200,000 short tons, value \$21,188,000; bituminous coal, 1,210,000 short tons, value \$4,389,000; clays, 914,000 short tons, value \$1,088,000; lime, 37,294,000 short tons, value \$481,000; natural gas, 408 million cubic feet, value \$103,000; all mineral products, value \$77,995,000.

Seafood Production, 1965—Fish, 35,030,000 pounds, value \$1,650,000; crabs, 34,692,000 pounds, value \$3,434,000; oysters, 1,842,352 U. S. bushels, value \$6,406,000; soft clams, 637,867 U. S. bushels, value \$1,548,310; all fishery products, total value \$13,220,000.