

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—3,922,399 in 1970; ranked 18th among the states in 1970.

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 Catoctin Mountains; Appalachian province from crest of Catoctin Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; maximum elevation, 3,360 feet on Backbone Mountain.

Chesapeake Bay—195 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—17 of the 23 counties and Baltimore City border on tidal water. Length of the tidal shore line, including the shore of islands, 3,190 miles.

Forest Area—2,964,000 acres, or about 47 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood and piling. Eleven State forests and one State forest nursery cover 118,862 acres.

State Parks and Recreation Areas—Thirty-two operational State parks covering 59,028 acres; 66 lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 10 State forests open to public hunting; 31 wildlife management areas open to public hunting covering 64,799 acres; 3 natural environment areas containing 5,700 acres.

Manufactures, 1971—Number of establishments 3,408; total employees 254,400; total payroll \$2,183,700,000; total value added by manufactures \$4,279,400,000. Most important manufacturers: primary metal products, food and kindred products, chemical and allied products; transportation equipment, and printing and publishing, electrical equipment and supplies.

Agriculture, 1971—18,000 farms covering 2,970,000 acres. Total farm receipts \$402,844,000. Most valuable farm product: poultry and poultry products, \$116,392,000; dairy products, \$103,540,000; crops, including horticultural and forest and nursery products, \$129,841,000. Most valuable crops: corn, \$31,618,000; tobacco, \$23,123,000; vegetables, including potatoes, \$19,201,000; soybeans, \$19,304,000; fruits, nuts and berries, \$6,841,000.

Mineral Production, 1971—Stone, 15,192,000 short tons, value \$34,770,000; sand and gravel, 12,842,000 short tons, value \$23,201,000; bituminous coal, 1,644,000 short tons, value \$10,274,000; clays 1,027,000 short tons, value \$1,558,000; natural gas, 214 million cubic feet, value \$52,000; peat 3,000 short tons, value \$39,000; value of all mineral production which cannot be itemized separately, \$29,535,000; total value of all mineral production, \$99,429,000.