

Forest Area. More than 2,798,000 acres, or approximately 44 per cent of the land surface. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood, and piling. Nine State forests and one State forest nursery cover 127,369 acres.

State Parks and Recreation Areas. Thirty-five operational State parks covering 73,159 acres; 87 lakes and ponds open to public fishing; 9 State forests and portions of 15 State parks open to public hunting; 34 wildlife management areas, covering 80,385 acres, open to public hunting; 5 natural environment areas containing 13,753 acres.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment, 1983. Civilian labor force, 2,211,000; total employment, 2,058,000; unemployment, 153,000, or 6.9 percent. Non-agricultural workers (in thousands): Manufacturing—durable goods, 113.2; non-durable goods, 98.4. Non-Manufacturing—services and mining, 401.1; retail trade, 323.7; State and local government, 259.3; federal government, 130.6; construction, 95.4; finance, insurance, and real estate, 97.0; wholesale trade, 93.8; transportation, communication, and public utilities, 87.1. Total non-agricultural employment, 1,699.6.

Manufacturers, 1982. Number of reporting units, 2,319; total employees, 215,318; total wages, \$4,412,028,463; total value added by manufactures in 1978 was \$7,739.2 million. Most important manufactures: food and kindred products; primary metals; electric and electronic equipment; machinery, except electrical; chemical and allied products; and transportation equipment.

Selected Industries. Maryland's ten largest private employers: Automation Industries, Inc.; Baltimore Gas & Electric; Bethlehem Steel Co.; C & P Telephone Co.; IBM Corp.; Johns Hopkins University and Hospital; Marriott Corp.; Maryland Cup Corp.; Giant Food; Westinghouse Corp.

Agriculture, 1983. 18,000 farms covering 2,750,000 acres. Total farm receipts \$1,055,000,000. Most valuable farm products: broiler chickens, \$329,000,000; field crops, \$340,000,000; dairy products, \$220,000,000. Most valuable crops: corn, \$134,000,000; soybeans, \$71,000,000; tobacco, \$28,000,000.

Mineral Production, 1983. Stone, 16,935,000 short tons, value \$73,068,000; sand and gravel, 10,000,000 short tons, value \$36,000,000; bituminous coal, 3,144,000 tons, approximate value \$86,774,400; clays (excludes ball clay), 447,000 short tons, value \$1,515,000; lime, 7,000 short tons; value of mineral production that cannot

be itemized, \$90,891,000; approximate total value of all mineral production, \$288,653,400.

Seafood Production, 1983. Fish, 11,384,000 pounds, dockside value \$3,848,000; crabs, 48,755,000 pounds, dockside value \$16,055,000; oyster meat, 6,950,000 pounds, dockside value \$10,198,185; clams, including soft-shell, hard-shell, and surf, 19,311,000 pounds, dockside value \$10,437,000; American lobster, 76,000 pounds, dockside value \$252,000. Maryland leads the nation in blue crab production.

Port of Baltimore. One of the leading ports in the United States, handling nearly 58,000,000 tons of cargo in 1981. Baltimore is the second-ranked container cargo port on the East Coast of the United States, with more than 4.4 million tons moved during 1981. Foreign commerce totalled 21,623,736 short tons in 1983. Baltimore is also one of the largest ports of entry for the importation of automobiles in the world, with 236,164 units arriving during the year. Other chief imports are ore, chemicals, petroleum products, gypsum rock, lumber, rolled and finished steel products, fertilizers and materials, unrefined copper, inedible molasses, sugar, and general cargo. Chief exports are grains, machinery, coal and coke, iron and steel scrap, iron and steel semifinished products, earth moving equipment, fertilizers, and general cargo. The World Trade Center in Baltimore, headquarters for the Port, serves as the center of international commerce for the region.

State Airports. The State owns and operates two airports, Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) and Glenn L. Martin State Airport. BWI has grown significantly, both in air service and passenger traffic. BWI reported 5,197,004 commercial passengers in FY 1983, an increase of 14.2 percent over the previous fiscal year. Twenty-five passenger airlines now serve the facility with over 570 flights a day. BWI also handles approximately 59 percent of the air freight in the Baltimore-Washington region, a total of 182,295,390 pounds in FY 1982. With several airlines now offering both passenger and cargo flights to a variety of international destinations, BWI is becoming a gateway airport for the United States, as well as serving the air transportation needs of the region. Glenn L. Martin State Airport is the largest general aviation facility on the East Coast. Handling primarily private and corporate aircraft, Martin is also the main base for Maryland's two air national guard squadrons and the Maryland State Police Aviation Division (MEDEVAC).