

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Legal holidays include each statewide general election day, and each other day that the President of the United States or the Governor designates for general cessation of business. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed the following Monday.

Effective July 1, 1997, the following holidays will be observed:

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
 - Jan. 15 . . *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
 - Feb.—third Monday Presidents' Day
 - May 30 *Memorial Day
 - July 4 Independence Day
 - Sept.—first Monday Labor Day
 - Oct. 12 *Columbus Day
 - Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
 - Nov.—fourth Thursday Thanksgiving Day
 - Nov. Friday after Thanksgiving Day
 - Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- *If the U.S. Congress designates another day for observance, the day named by Congress becomes the legal date.

LIBRARIES

Libraries, 1994. Twenty-four public library systems, one in each county and Baltimore City, include 180 public libraries and 19 bookmobiles, with total collections of 15.5 million items. Sixty-three college and university libraries have total holdings of 13.5 million items. In 1,168 elementary, middle and secondary schools, school library media centers have over 11.8 million items.

The Maryland State Library Network serves over 400 libraries throughout the State, primarily through interlibrary loan of materials and information. The Network consists of the State Library Resource Center (Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore); 3 regional library resource centers (Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland); 4 academic libraries lending specialized materials; and over 125 libraries that fill interlibrary loan requests from their collections.

Patrons may identify and locate library materials by searching catalogs linked to Sailor, an online public information network. Sailor connects Marylanders and their libraries to resources within the State and worldwide, providing access to the Internet and to e-mail. Opened in 1994, Sailor is available through modem-equipped computers from homes, schools, and offices; and free through many libraries.

Maryland residents may register with and borrow materials from any public library in the State. Information and materials found through the Network may be mailed, trucked, or transferred electronically to a local library. The public checked out over 44.7 million items in 1994.

Libraries of note: Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Johns Hopkins University Libraries, Baltimore; the State Law Library, and Nimitz Library of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis; National Library of Medicine, Bethesda; University of Maryland Libraries, College Park; National Agricultural Library, Beltsville; National Institute of Standards and Technology Research Information Center, Gaithersburg; the Libraries of the National Institute of Justice, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Rockville; and U.S. Bureau of the Census Library, Suitland. As the regional depository for Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland College Park receives all publications of the U.S. government designated for deposit.

LOCATION

Highway distance from Central Maryland (in miles): Atlanta, 738; Boston, 392; Chicago, 668; New York City, 196; Philadelphia, 96; Pittsburgh, 218; Richmond, 143; Washington, DC, 37.

MANUFACTURES, 1992

Total value added in 1992 by manufactures was \$15,622.4 million (up 11.4% from 1987).

Most Important Manufactures:

Food & kindred products	\$2,246,000,000
Chemicals & allied products	\$2,214,800,000
Instruments & related products	\$2,147,100,000
Printing & Publishing	\$1,839,400,000
Transportation equipment	\$1,563,200,000

MINERAL PRODUCTION

<i>Nonfuel Minerals, 1994</i>	<i>Value</i>
Stone (in short tons)	
crushed (25,000,000)	\$170,000,000
dimension* (16,600)	\$1,770,000
*stone cut to size specifications	
Sand/ Gravel (10,800,000)	\$70,200,000
Portland Cement (1,540,000)	\$77,000,000
Clays, common (254,000 metric tons)	\$731,000
<i>Fuel Minerals, 1994</i>	<i>Value</i>
Coal (3,632,000 short tons)	\$95,666,880
Natural Gas (25,902,000 cubic feet)	\$39,371

MUSEUMS

Maryland's long and rich past is accessible through the State's many museums. Some specialize in history and culture or focus on the Chesapeake Bay, a dominant feature of Maryland life and landscape. Others concern industry, technology, or science. In Baltimore, both the Science Center and the National Aquarium host hundreds of Maryland school children every year and provide stimulating and fun weekend excursions for families. In addition to traditional museums, the State has museums with living-history and hands-on exhibits. Many historic