

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Population—2,343,001; 24th state in rank (1950 U. S. Census).

Area—10,577 square miles (9,881 land, 696 inland water); 41st state in size (U. S. Census).

Geophysics—Maryland is divided into three chief regions: Appalachian area, Piedmont Plateau, and Coastal Plain. First is mountainous, Great Backbone Mountain, Garrett County, highest peak 3,360 feet. Piedmont Plateau is rich agricultural hilly land. Coastal Plain includes south and east of "Fall Line," so-called for frequency of waterfalls. Land drops to near sea level in Coastal Plain.

Chesapeake Bay—State's chief body of water, 180 miles long, 3 to 30 miles wide, greater producer of sea food than any comparable area.

Chief Rivers—Potomac, Susquehanna, Choptank, Nanticoke, Elk, Patapsco, Sassafras, Magothy, Severn, Gunpowder, Bush, Miles, and Chester.

Water Frontage—Baltimore harbor, about 40 miles; Chesapeake Bay and estuaries, 3,600 miles. Chesapeake and Delaware Canal furnishes an inland route to the sea capable of handling most merchant ships.

Forest Area—2,685,000 acres, about 42 percent of the State's land surface. Estimated value (1951) \$66,000,000. State Forests—Green Ridge 25,451 acres; Elk Neck 3,762; Doncaster 1,464; Cedarville 3,510; Mt. Nebo 1,791; Potomac 12,057; Savage River 52,672; Swallow Falls 7,458; Seth Demonstration 124; Pocomoke 12,377; State Forest Nursery 100. Total—120,766 acres.

State Parks—Elk Neck 995 acres; Gambrill 1,088; Gathland 101 (under development); Patapsco 1,564; Wye Oak 1.5; Fort Frederick 279; Fort Tonoloway (undeveloped) 20; Washington Monument 96; Sandy Point 725 (under development); Dans Mountain 100; Seneca Creek 2,000 (projected); The Rocks 928 (projected). Total—7,897.5 acres.

Industries—Product value \$1,140,000,000 (1947 U. S. Census); most important, food and kindred products, transportation equipment, chemicals and allied products, apparel and related products, fabricated metals, printing and publishing, machinery.

Agriculture—Product value \$248,816,000 (including 1950 crop value, livestock and poultry on farms Jan. 1, 1951, and 1950 commercial broiler production). Important products—chickens, dairy products, corn, tobacco, vegetables, wheat. Maryland leads all States in tomato canning.

Seafood Production—Oysters 2,702,814 bushels (1949-50 season); Blue crabs 42,727,106 pounds; soft crabs 11,291,557, total value \$2,362,600 (1950 season); Finfish—total Maryland landings 19,914,696 pounds, total value \$1,678,990 (1949); major species—river herring 4,965,620 pounds; striped bass 2,608,059; croakers 2,351,485; porgies 1,524,352; shad 1,084,579; white perch 1,099,830; fluke 727,062.

Mine Output—Coal 646,240 tons (1950); fire clay 97,612 (1950).

Baltimore's Port—Ranked second in total foreign trade tonnage (1950), handled 2,581,415 tons of export goods and 10,797,544 tons of imports.

Cities—(over 10,000 population) Baltimore 949,708; Cumberland 37,679; Hagerstown 36,260; Frederick 18,142; Salisbury 15,141; Takoma Park 13,341; Hyattsville 12,308; College Park 11,170; Mt. Rainier 10,989; Cambridge 10,351; Annapolis 10,047.