

## MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

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

*Area*—10,577 square miles (9,881 and, 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 (1941) \$66,000,000. State Forests—Swallow Falls, 7,458 acres, Savage River 52,757, Potomac 12,057, Mt. Nebo 1,791, Green Ridge 25,631, Cedarville 3,609, Doncaster 1,464, Pocomoke 12,251, Seth Demonstration 125, Elk Neck 2,752, State Forest Nursery 100. Total—119,795 acres.

*State Parks*—Washington Monument 104 acres, Fort Tonolway (undeveloped) 26, Fort Frederick 279, Gambrill 1,138, Gathland 101, Patapsco 3,150, Wye Oak 1.5, Elk Neck 672, Sandy Point 762, Dan's Mountain 108, The Rocks (undeveloped) 118, Seneca Creek 255, Cunningham Falls 4,447. Total—11,181.5 acres.

*Industries*—Total value added by Manufacturers \$1,854,682,000 (1953). Total manufacturing employees 261,948; salaries and wages \$1,014,618 (1953). Most important, transportation equipment, primary metal industries, chemical and allied products, fabricated metal products, apparel and related products, printing and publishing machinery, stone clay and glass products, and food and kindred products.

*Agriculture*—Product value \$177,223,000 (1952). Important products—chickens, dairy products, corn, tobacco, vegetables and wheat. Maryland leads all States in tomato canning.

*Seafood Production*—Oysters—2,642,147 bushels, value \$7,926,441 (1952-53 season). Crabs 27,571,466 pounds, value \$1,776,700 (1953). Fin-fish—total commercial catch, 15,224,555 pounds, value \$1,393,205 (1953).

*Minerals*—Sand and gravel 6,956,640 short tons, value \$8,136,697 (1952). Stones (except limestone) 3,391,679 short tons, value \$6,330,443 (1952). Coal 587,903 short tons, value \$2,694,842 (1952). Clay 709,248 short tons, value \$1,360,882 (1952).

*Baltimore's Port*—Ranks second in total foreign trade tonnage. The port handled 7,037,232 tons of export goods and 12,882,677 tons of import goods in 1951. In 1953 the sixty-three ports of the State handled a total of 51,847,751 tons of traffic.

*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 25,000.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Annapolis population estimated 1953.