

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

- Population**—2,343,001 in 1950; ranked 24th among the states. Estimated population, 2,895,500 in 1957.
- Area**—In square miles; land, 9,887; inland water, 690; Chesapeake Bay, 1,726; total, 12,303. Ranks 41st 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 Blue Ridge Mountains; Appalachian province from crest of Blue Ridge Mountains to western boundary of State. Mean elevation, 350 feet; minimum elevation, sea level; maximum elevation, 3,340 feet on Backbone Mountain.
- Chesapeake Bay**—185 miles long with 115 miles in Maryland and 70 miles in Virginia. Varies in width from 3 to 30 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.
- Chief Rivers**—Navigable to cruisers and other pleasure craft; Potomac, Patuxent, Severn, Magothy, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Bush, Northeast, Elk, Sassafras, Chester, Miles, Tred Avon, Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico and Pocomoke.
- Water Frontage**—15 of the 23 counties border on tidal water. Length of the tidal shore line, including the shore of islands, 1,045 miles.
- Forest Area**—2,920,000 acres, or about 46 percent of the land surface. Nearly 162 million board feet of lumber cut in 1954. Total value of forest products \$9,783,000 in 1954. Ten State forests and one State forest nursery cover 118,978 acres.
- State Parks**—Fifteen State parks containing 13,535 acres include ocean beaches, Chesapeake Bay shore, dense forests, and high mountains. Parks provide cabins, campsites, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, and mountain climbing.
- Manufactures, 1954**—Number of establishments, 3,253; total employees, 253,144; total payroll, \$987,559,000; value added by manufactures, \$1,888,585,000. Most important manufactures: primary metals and metal fabrications, transportation equipment, aircraft, food, chemicals, and wearing apparel.
- Agriculture, 1954**—Number of farms: 32,500 covering 61.6 percent of land area. Total farm products sold: \$195,072,119. Most valuable farm products: dairy products, \$55,813,000; poultry and poultry products, \$42,830,597; tobacco, \$15,319,145; corn, \$12,378,912; vegetables, \$10,838,366; wheat, \$10,279,326; soybeans, \$6,069,204; fruits, \$5,011,422.
- Seafood Production, 1954**—Fish, 17,582,000 pounds, value \$1,441,000; crabs, 20,182,000 pounds, value \$986,000; oysters, 3,736,579 U. S. bushels, value \$9,019,500; surf clams, 112,166 U. S. bushels, value \$168,300; soft clams, 20,917 U. S. bushels, value \$155,525; hard clams, 13,600 U. S. bushels, value \$53,700.
- Mineral Production, 1953**—Sand and gravel, 7,379,511 short tons, value \$8,919,088; lime and cement, value \$7,470,611; crushed and broken stone, 2,823,152 short tons, value \$6,343,500; coal, 530,590