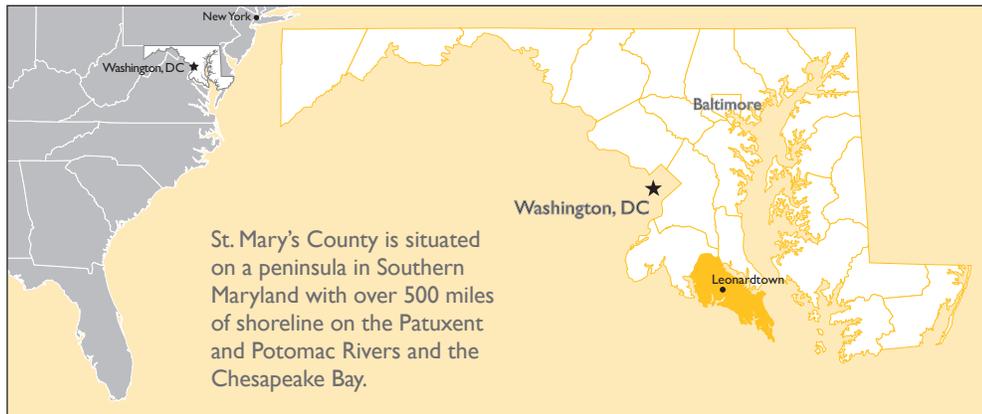


# Brief Economic Facts

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

St. Mary's County is situated on a peninsula in Southern Maryland with over 500 miles of shoreline on the Patuxent River, Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. The Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, employing 22,400 military, civilians and defense contractors, is home to the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), including the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). With over 200 high-tech aerospace and defense contractors, the county has emerged as a world-class center for maritime aviation research, development, testing, evaluation, and acquisition.

The area combines access to technology with a rich heritage and a myriad of outdoor sports and recreational opportunities. The county's location allows for easy access to major metropolitan areas while offering residents a high quality of life and affordable lifestyles.



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St. Mary's County's 2,025 businesses employ 28,900 workers; nearly 50 of these businesses have 100 or more workers. Businesses include DynCorp International, Wyle, BAE Systems, SAIC, Engility, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and many others. Non-defense employers include MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Burch Oil, and the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education.

### LOCATION

Driving distance from Leonardtown:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	613	986
Baltimore, Maryland	81	131
Boston, Massachusetts	477	768
Chicago, Illinois	741	1,192
New York, New York	266	428
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	177	284
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	277	446
Richmond, Virginia	95	152
Washington, DC	54	87

### CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY<sup>1</sup>

Yearly Precipitation (inches)	46.2
Yearly Snowfall (inches)	14.5
Summer Temperature (°F)	75.3
Winter Temperature (°F)	37.6
Days Below Freezing	81.4
Land Area (square miles)	372.5
Water Area (square miles)	37.7
Shoreline (miles)	536
Elevation (feet)	sea level to 192

### POPULATION<sup>2,3</sup>

	St. Mary's County Households	St. Mary's County Population	Maryland Population
2000	30,642	86,211	5,296,486
2010	37,604	105,151	5,773,552
2020*	46,050	125,150	6,224,550

\*Projections

Selected places population (2010): California 11,857; Lexington Park 11,626; Golden Beach 3,796; Leonardtown 2,930; Mechanicsville 1,508; Charlotte Hall 1,420

### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION<sup>2,3</sup> (2015)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	7,299	6.6
5 - 19	23,240	20.9
20 - 44	36,912	33.1
45 - 64	30,291	27.2
65 and over	13,671	12.3
Total	111,413	100.0
Median age		36.4 years

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## LABOR AVAILABILITY<sup>3,4,5</sup> (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

Civilian Labor Force (2015 avg.)	Labor Mkt.	
	County	Area*
Total civilian labor force	54,498	183,124
Employment	51,797	174,112
Unemployment	2,701	9,012
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.9%
Residents commuting outside the county to work (2010-2014)	Number 12,856	Percent 23.6%
Employment in selected occupations (2010-2014)		
Management, business, science and arts	22,864	43.0%
Service	8,960	16.9%
Sales and office	11,401	21.4%
Production, transp. and material moving	3,898	7.3%

\* St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>6,7</sup> (2015)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Naval Air Station Patuxent River*	Military installation	11,435
MedStar St. Mary's Hospital	Medical services	1,201
DynCorp International	Prof. and technical services	898
Wyle	Tech. research services	865
BAE Systems	Tech. products and services	850
Lockheed Martin	Aeronautics, systems engr.	540
Engility	Systems engr. and mgmt.	500
Northrop Grumman	Systems and software devt.	475
Boeing	Engineering services	450
HMR of Maryland / Charlotte Hall	Nursing care	438
SAIC	Engr. and mgmt. services	431
Booz Allen Hamilton	Systems engr. and mgmt.	412
St. Mary's College of Md.	Higher education	407
PAE Applied Technologies	Prof. and technical services	395
General Dynamics	Aeronautics, systems engr.	352
Walmart	Consumer goods	350
CACI	Systems engr. and mgmt.	325
J.F.Taylor	Technology simulations	325
Food Lion	Groceries	284
McKay's Foodland	Groceries	275
McDonald's	Restaurants	270
Eagle Systems	Systems engr. and mgmt.	250
Sabre Systems	Engineering services	250
Burch Oil	Fuel oil	247
Target	Consumer goods	242

Excludes post offices, state and local governments; includes higher education

\* Employee counts for federal and military facilities exclude contractors to the extent possible; embedded contractors may be included

## EMPLOYMENT<sup>4</sup> (2015, BY PLACE OF WORK)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Emp. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal government	41	9,442	21.9	\$1,992
State government	11	923	2.1	942
Local government	58	3,854	8.9	899
Private sector	2,025	28,873	67.0	1,035
Natural resources and mining	16	74	0.2	666
Construction	281	1,794	4.2	1,003
Manufacturing	33	368	0.9	1,074
Trade, transportation and utilities	450	6,829	15.8	753
Information	19	168	0.4	1,102
Financial activities	145	762	1.8	942
Professional and business services	472	9,757	22.6	1,626
Education and health services	234	4,415	10.2	923
Leisure and hospitality	207	3,739	8.7	301
Other services	168	967	2.2	530
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>43,092</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,230</b>

Includes civilian employment only

## HOURLY WAGE RATES<sup>4</sup> (2015)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Experienced
Accountants	\$35.00	\$21.75	\$43.25
Aerospace engineers	51.00	35.75	58.25
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	19.50	13.00	23.25
Computer systems analysts	39.00	24.50	49.50
Computer user support specialists	25.25	15.25	30.25
Customer service representatives	14.50	9.50	18.50
Electrical engineers	44.00	32.25	52.50
Electronics engineering technicians	49.50	27.25	44.50
Freight, stock and material movers, hand	11.50	9.50	14.75
Industrial truck operators	18.50	14.50	22.50
Information security analyst	39.50	25.50	47.00
Maintenance and repair workers	19.50	13.00	24.00
Network administrators	47.50	32.25	56.50
Packers and packagers, hand	9.00	8.75	9.75
Secretaries	18.75	12.00	22.25
Shipping/receiving clerks	15.25	11.25	19.00

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive in Southern Maryland (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties) and may vary by industry, employer and locality

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## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES<sup>3,8</sup>

### Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2010-2014)

High school graduate or higher	91.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.8%

### Public Schools

Number: 19 elem.; 5 middle; 3 high; 1 career/tech center
Enrollment: 17,941 (Sept. 2015)
Cost per pupil: \$12,389 (2013-2014)
Students per teacher: 16.5 (Oct. 2015)
High school career / tech enrollment: 1,622 (2015)
High school graduates: 1,275 (July 2015)

### Nonpublic Schools

Number: 38 (Sept. 2015)
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Higher Education (2015)	Enrollment	Degrees
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#### 2-year institutions

Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship	184	NA
College of Southern Maryland*	8,085	1,193

#### 4-year institution

St. Mary's College of Maryland	1,772	456
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George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland College Park, and 12 other institutions offer programs at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. In addition, the University of Maryland University College and other national universities offer programs at the Frank Knox Center at NAS Patuxent River.

\* Includes four campuses in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties

## TAX RATES<sup>9</sup>

	St. Mary's Co.	Maryland
<b>Corporate Income Tax (2016)</b>	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
<b>Personal Income Tax (2016)</b>	3.00%	2.0%-5.75%*
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000		
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax (2016)</b>	none	6.0%
Exempt – sales for resale; manufacturer's purchase of raw materials; manufacturing machinery and equipment; purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products; purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale		
<b>Real Property Tax (FY 17)</b>	\$0.8523	\$0.112
Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value		
In addition to this rate, there are some miscellaneous taxes and/or special taxing areas in the county; in an incorporated area a municipal rate will also apply		
<b>Business Personal Property Tax (FY 17)</b>	\$2.1308	none
Rate per \$100 of depreciated value		
Exempt – manufacturing and R&D machinery, equipment, materials and supplies; manufacturing, R&D and warehousing inventory		
<b>Major Tax Credits Available</b>		
Job Creation, R&D, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, Arts & Entertainment District		

## INCOME<sup>3</sup> (2010-2014)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	St. Mary's Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	12.3	15.4	23.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	14.5	17.9	23.7
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14.3	17.2	17.8
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.7	13.4	12.2
\$100,000 - \$149,999	23.4	18.1	13.0
\$150,000 - \$199,999	10.6	8.9	5.1
\$200,000 and over	8.2	9.1	5.0
Median household	\$88,190	\$74,149	\$53,482
Average household	\$100,919	\$97,135	\$74,596
Per capita	\$36,602	\$36,670	\$28,555
Total income (millions)	\$3,830	\$209,422	\$8,668,940

## HOUSING<sup>2,3,10</sup>

Occupied Units (2010-2014) 37,947 (72.6% owner occupied)

Housing Transactions (2015)	Units	Median Selling Price
All arms-length transactions	1,189	\$279,000
All multiple-listed properties*	1,329	\$250,445

\*Excludes auctions and FSBO

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY<sup>6</sup>

A variety of business sites are available in St. Mary's County. Industrial and office parks offer raw acreage, furnished office space and everything in between. Utilities including fiber-optic lines, public water, sewer, broadband service and natural gas are available at most locations.

High technology firms are clustered in and around Lexington Park. Major business parks include Wildewood, Lexington Park Corporate Center, Exploration, Expedition, Willows Run and Pine Hill. The greatest concentration of manufacturing is in St. Mary's Industrial Park in Hollywood, adjoining the regional airport.

St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development maintains lists of available office, warehouse and industrial sites and space and publishes a directory of technology companies and resources. Both are available in PDF format on [www.stmarysmd.com/ded](http://www.stmarysmd.com/ded).

Market Profile Data (2015)	Low	High	Average
<b>Land – cost per acre</b>			
Industrial	\$15,000	\$120,000	\$100,000
Office	\$25,000	\$500,000	\$225,000
<b>Rental Rates – per square foot</b>			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$2.50	\$12.00	\$10.00
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
Class A Office	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$21.00

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## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** Maryland arteries in the county connect with U.S. 301, I-95 and I-495 (Washington D.C. Beltway)

**Rail:** The closest rail depot, CSX Transportation, is in adjacent Charles County at Waldorf

**Truck:** 52 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located in Southern Maryland

**Water:** Served by the Port of Baltimore, 50' channel; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility; 81 miles from Leonardtown

**Air:** Served by Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), Washington Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; St. Mary's County Regional Airport ([www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/Airportinfo.asp](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/Airportinfo.asp)) is available for private planes; 4150' runway

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

**Parks:** Five state parks and 22 county parks, two year-round pools, boat ramps, beaches, fishing piers, tennis courts, picnic facilities, playgrounds, a skate park, and a disc golf course

**Recreation and Leisure:** Boating, sailing, fishing, camping, hiking, cycling, paddling trails, golf courses, and three motor sports venues; waterside restaurants and marinas dot the county's miles of shoreline; historic Leonardtown, the county seat, features a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants, a waterfront park and a winery

**Sports and Athletics:** Team sports include soccer, basketball, roller hockey, lacrosse, football, and baseball; sports venues include a gymnastics center, four county recreation centers, and a variety of public parks with sports fields

**Attractions:** St. Clement's Island, site of Maryland's founding; Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's first capital and one of the nation's premier archaeological and outdoor living history museums; Point Lookout Lighthouse, Blackstone Lighthouse, Point No Point Lighthouse and Piney Point Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac River; 18th-century Sotterley Plantation; and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum

**Arts & Entertainment District:** Leonardtown

**Events:** Over 50 festivals and fairs include the River Concert Series, Crab Festival, County Fair, Blessing of the Fleet, Oyster Festival/National Oyster Shucking Championships, Wine Festival and Monster Rockfish Festival

For more information, contact St. Mary's County Division of Tourism: 1.800.327.9023, [www.visitstmarysmd.com](http://www.visitstmarysmd.com)

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative; customers of investor-owned utilities and major cooperatives may choose their electric supplier

**Gas:** Natural gas is available from Washington Gas; customers may choose their gas supplier; propane is available from Burch Propane and Taylor Gas Co.

**Water and Sewer:** St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission serves greater Lexington Park-Hollywood area and Piney Point; municipal system serves Leonardtown

**Telecommunications:** Local carrier is Verizon Maryland; cable internet or broadband service is available from MetroCast or Comcast; Long distance carriers include AT&T, Sprint Nextel, Verizon and others

## GOVERNMENT<sup>11</sup>

**County Seat:** Leonardtown

**Government:** Five commissioners elected for four-year terms; commissioner form of government limits county legislative power to areas authorized by the General Assembly  
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**County Bond Rating:** AA+ (S&P); Aa2 (Moody's); AA+ (Fitch)

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