

# Brief Economic Facts

## CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

As part of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, Calvert County blends modern amenities with its unique charm. Maryland's smallest county, it spans approximately 213 square miles and is situated on a peninsula along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The town centers of Dunkirk and Prince Frederick provide convenient highway access to the cities of Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The town centers of Solomons and Lusby serve as strategic locations for businesses supporting operations at or near the Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Lexington Park.

Calvert County is home to major employers, including CalvertHealth Medical Center, Calvert Cliffs Clean Energy Center, and Giant Food, contributing to a robust \$3.9 billion economic output. Expanding industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, energy, professional services, and research and



development are playing a key role in driving future growth.

Calvert is accessible to major airports and highways, the Port of Baltimore, an abundant workforce, and cultural and recreational activities. Positioned within one of the nation's wealthiest metro areas, Calvert maintains a comfortable cost of living, a low crime rate, and preservation-oriented planning efforts that protect its distinctive character.

### LOCATION

Driving distance from Prince Frederick:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	619	996
Baltimore, Maryland	59	96
Boston, Massachusetts	453	729
Chicago, Illinois	726	1,169
New York, New York	242	390
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	154	247
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	263	423
Richmond, Virginia	101	162
Washington, DC	42	68

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

Average Annual Snowfall, (Inches)	7.56
Average Annual Precipitation	48.24
Average Summer Temperature (°F)	78.2
Average Winter Temperature 1991-2020 (°F)	39.7
Average Days Below Freezing (32F)	78
Average Hot Days (above 86F)	53
Land Area (square miles)	213.2
Water Area (square miles)	27.09
Elevation Range (ft)	0-168

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

	Calvert County Households	Calvert County Population	Maryland part of Washington DC metro*	Maryland
2010	30,875	88,737	335,458	5,773,552
2020	32,425	93,072	372,195	6,055,802
2030**	34,900	96,950	407,360	6,254,500

\*Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties  
\*\*Projections  
Selected places population (2020): Chesapeake Ranch Estates 11,503; Chesapeake Beach 6,436; Huntingtown 3,029; Prince Frederick 2,709; Dunkirk 2,175

### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION<sup>2,3</sup> (2023)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5yrs	4,925	5.3%
5 - 19 yrs	18,747	20.0%
20 - 44 yrs	28,507	30.4%
45 -64 yrs	26,698	28.5%
65 and over	14,914	15.9%
Total	93,791	100.0%
Median Age		40.5 years

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

Civilian Labor Force (2024 avg.)	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Total civilian labor force	49,985	200,106
Employment	48,671	194,365
Unemployment	14042	5,741
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.9%
Residents commuting outside the county to work (2019-2023)	Number 17,330	Percent 36.1%
Employment in selected occupations (2019-2023)		
Management, business, science and arts	23,291	48.7%
Service	7,289	15.3%
Sales and office	8,166	17.1%
Production, transp. and material moving	3,458	7.2%

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## MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>6,7</sup> (2024-2025)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
CalvertHealth Medical Center	Medical Services	1,232
Constellation: Calvert Cliffs Clean Energy Center	Nuclear Power Generation	660
Giant Food	Supermarkets	418
Wal-Mart	Consumer Goods	331
Safeway	Supermarkets	265
	Convenience Stores/ Petroleum Distribution	234
The Gott Company, Inc.		
The Arc of Southern Maryland	Medical & Social Services	228
Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company: Cove Point LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas	210
	Senior Living/Long-term Care	186
Asbury Solomons		
Solomons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Long-term Care/Nursing Care	178
Calvert Internal Medicine Group	Healthcare	178
Rod 'N' Reel Resort	Hotel, Spa & Restaurants	175
Calvert County Nursing Center	Nursing Care	139
Harris Teeter	Supermarkets	125
College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus	Higher Education	122
	Hardware/Consumer Goods	119
Sneade's Ace Home Center		
UMD CESC Biological Laboratory	Fisheries Research	117
	Printing & Fulfillment Services	114
DirectMail.com		

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

## EMPLOYMENT<sup>4</sup> (2024)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Empl. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal Government	30	401	1.8%	\$2,565
State Government	9	326	1.4%	1,238
Local Government	31	4,228	18.7%	1,253
Private Sector	1,952	17,632	78.1%	1,126
Natural resources and mining	9	27	0.1%	888
Construction	304	1,875	8.3%	1,515
Manufacturing	43	289	1.3%	1,326
Trade, Transportation, and utilities	330	5,028	22.3%	1,328
Information	27	50	0.2%	1,887
Financial activities	175	573	2.5%	1,591
Professional and business services	411	1,949	8.6%	1,232
Education and health services	250	3,589	15.9%	1,137
Leisure and hospitality	196	3,243	14.4%	499
Other Services	208	1,009	4.5%	809
Total	2,022	22,587	100.0%	1,177

Includes civilian employment only

\*Confidential

## HOURLY WAGE RATES<sup>4</sup> (2023)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Skilled
Accountants and Auditors	\$40.84	\$28.35	\$52.98
Aerospace Engineers	\$64.23	\$43.69	\$73.57
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$22.08	\$18.65	\$26.81
Bookkeeping Clerks	\$24.99	\$19.07	\$29.72
Computer Hardware Engineers	\$56.51	\$39.32	\$65.63
Network Support Specialists	\$41.19	\$28.97	\$50.66
Computer Systems Analysts	\$47.88	\$31.81	\$60.71
Computer User Support Specialists	\$29.18	\$20.99	\$37.14
Customer Service Representatives	\$18.16	\$15.12	\$23.45
Electrical Engineers	\$58.54	\$44.46	\$67.71
Electronics Engineers, not Computer	\$70.00	\$51.65	\$77.52
Industrial Truck Operators	\$23.50	\$19.73	\$27.25
Information Security Analysts	\$66.80	\$43.00	\$80.37
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters	\$36.10	\$21.23	\$41.94
Laborers and Freight, Hand	\$17.87	\$15.63	\$20.73
Mechanical Engineers	\$54.92	\$38.28	\$63.76
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$17.13	\$13.71	\$19.82
Secretaries and Admin Assistants	\$22.97	\$17.53	\$28.85
Shipping, Receiving Clerks	\$19.75	\$15.90	\$23.83
Stockers and Order Fillers	\$17.67	\$14.59	\$19.72
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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 (2019-2023)

High school graduate or higher	94.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.3%

### Public Schools

Number: 12 elementary; 6 middle/comb.; 4 high;  
1 career/tech

Enrollment: 15,179

Cost per pupil: \$17,017

Students per teacher: 15.3

High school career / tech enrollment: 3,065

High school graduates: 1,185

Nonpublic Schools Number: 12

Higher Education (2023)	Enrollment	Degrees
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### 2-year institution

College of Southern Maryland	4,654	2,055
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## TAX RATES<sup>9</sup>

	Calvert County	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2025)	none	8.25%

Base – federal taxable income

Personal Income Tax (2025)	3.00%	2.0-5.75%
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Base – federal adjusted gross income

\*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000

Sales & Use Tax (2025)	none	6.0%
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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

Real Property Tax (2025)	\$0.9670	\$0.1120
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Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value

In an incorporated area, the county rate will vary and a municipal rate will also apply

Business Personal Prop. Tax (2025)	\$2.23	none
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Rate per \$100 of depreciated value

Exempt – manufacturing and R&D machinery, equipment, materials and supplies; manufacturing, R&D and warehousing inventory In an incorporated area, a municipal rate may also apply; municipal exemptions may be available

### Major Tax Credits Available

Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, More Jobs for Marylanders, R&D, New Jobs, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, A&E District

## INCOME<sup>3</sup> (2019-2023)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Calvert Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	6.6	11.3	15.0
\$25,000 - \$49,999	8.3	12.7	17.3
\$50,000 - \$74,999	9.5	13.2	15.7
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.0	12.0	12.7
\$100,000 - \$149,999	22.4	19.3	17.4
\$150,000 - \$199,999	17.4	12.4	9.3
\$200,000 and over	24.7	19.2	12.6
Median household	\$132,059	\$101,652	\$78,538
Average household	\$153,737	\$133,800	\$110,491
Per Capita	\$56,411	\$51,689	\$43,289
Total income (millions)	\$5,148	\$313,026	\$14,085,709

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

Occupied Units (2019-2023) 35,749 (86.1% owner occupied)

### Housing Transactions (2023)

Units Sold	1,144
Median Selling Price	\$425,000

\*All multiple listed properties excludes auctions and FSBO

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

Calvert County offers a variety of industrial parks including:  
**Calvert County Industrial Park** - 226 acres located five miles southwest of Prince Frederick.

**Calvert-Arundel Business Park** - 20 acres located near Chesapeake Beach.

**North Calvert Industrial Park** - 30 acres located near Owings.

**Dunkirk Business Center** - 15 acres located near Dunkirk.

Calvert County's **Patuxent Business Park (PBP)**, is Southern Maryland's premier Class-A business campus for research, technology, and light manufacturing. Located just 10 miles from Naval Air Station Patuxent River and 16 miles from Prince Frederick, it features 41 acres of ready-to-develop sites, top-tier infrastructure, and a skilled workforce. With convenient access via MD Routes 4 and 765, it is only a 45-minute drive to Washington, D.C., and Baltimore.

Market Profile Data (2024)	Low	High	Average
<b>Land – cost per acre</b>			
Industrial	\$61,018	\$574,534	\$317,776
Office	\$600,877	\$1,250,000	\$749,579
<b>Rental Rates – per square foot</b>			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$13.75
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$10	\$24	\$17
Class A Office	\$11	\$29	\$20

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## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** MD Rt. 2 connects with U.S. 50/301, and MD Rt. 4 connects with U.S. 301 and the Capital Beltway (I-495); the Thomas Johnson Bridge over the Patuxent River connects MD Rts. 2/4 in the southern part of the county with MD Rts. 5/235 in St. Mary's County

**Rail:** Closest rail depot (CSXT) is in adjacent Prince George's County at Upper Marlboro

**Truck:** Nearly 60 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 (64 miles from Prince Frederick)

**Air:** Served by Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), Dulles International Airport, Reagan Washington National Airport, and St. Mary's Regional Airport (4150' runway)

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

Calvert County is best known for its attractive location on the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River

**Parks and Recreation:** Today, Calvert County Parks and Recreation supports and maintains 34 properties and 22 school fields totaling 2,294 acres and offering a variety of amenities; recreational opportunities for boating, sailing, charter boat fishing, swimming, crabbing, canoeing, kayaking, biking, camping, bird watching, fossil hunting and golf.

**Cultural:** The Arts Council of Calvert County promotes outdoor theme concerts, theatrical productions, art shows, and crafts and antique festivals throughout the year.

**Archaeological/Ecological Attractions:** Flag Ponds Nature Park, Calvert Cliffs State Park, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, American Chestnut Land Trust, Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, Kings Landing Park, Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Wetlands Overlook Park, and Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm.

**Other Attractions:** Breezy Point Beach and Campground, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, Calvert Marine Museum, Drum Point Lighthouse, Cove Point Lighthouse, J.C. Lore & Sons Oyster House, "Wm. B. Tennison," "The Dee" skipjack, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, One-Room Schoolhouse, Bayside History Museum, Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center, Old Wallville School, North Beach Boardwalk, and Chesapeake Hills Golf Course.

**Special Events:** Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering, Calvert County Fair, Calvert County Jousting Tournament, Artsfest, Patuxent River Appreciation Days, Taste the Beaches, Juneteenth Community Day, Solomons Maritime Festival, Calvert County Watermen's Festival, Solomons Christmas Walk & Lighted Boat Parade, Home for the Holidays, End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival, Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival, Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge, Polar Bear Plunge, Lower Marlboro Freedom Day, Garden in Lights and the Fairy & Gnome Festival.

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Baltimore Gas and Electric and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative; based on address serviceability

**Gas:** Washington Gas provides natural gas; customers may choose their gas supplier

**Water and Sewer:** County systems in Prince Frederick, Solomons, Chesapeake Beach, North Beach, Calvert County Industrial Park and the Patuxent Business Park (PBP)

**Telecommunications:** Local Carrier - Verizon Maryland offers cable internet, ISDN digital switching and fiber optic services. Comcast and numerous additional providers also offer services on proprietary or leased infrastructure.

## GOVERNMENT

**County Seat:** Prince Frederick

**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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**Website:** [www.calvertcountymd.gov](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov)

**Bond Rating:** AAA (S&P); Aaa (Moody's); AAA (Fitch)

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### Sources:

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