



Demographics

Companies doing business in Maryland derive many benefits from the state's population as a source of service and product markets, as well as quality business staffing. Maryland is a wealthy consumer market, ranking among the top states in median household and per capita personal income. Though Maryland ranks only 42nd in size, the state has a resident population of over six million, which ranks 19th among the states. The majority of the state's residents live in the densely populated corridor between Baltimore, Maryland's most populous city, and Washington, D.C. Maryland has an abundance of prime workforce-age residents, with a higher percentage of the state's population between the ages of 25 and 54 than the national average.

Population

Maryland's resident population of 6,180,253 is projected to increase by over 200,000 through 2025. Jurisdictions with the greatest population densities include Baltimore City and neighboring Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, and Montgomery and Prince George's counties, which border Washington, D.C.

Population Trends in Maryland: 2020 – 2025 Projections

	2020 Census	2023 Estimate	Change 2020 -2023	Percent Change 2020 -2023	2025 Projection
MARYLAND	6,177,224	6,180,253	3,029	0.1%	6,390,110
Greater Baltimore	2,794,636	2,781,808	-12,828	-0.5%	2,880,500
Anne Arundel County	588,261	594,582	6,321	1.1%	621,690
Baltimore City	585,708	565,239	-20,469	-3.5%	594,530
Baltimore County	854,535	844,703	-9,832	-1.2%	868,120
Carroll County	172,891	176,639	3,748	2.2%	176,400
Harford County	260,924	264,644	3,720	1.4%	270,060
Howard County	332,317	336,001	3,684	1.1%	349,700
Capital Region	2,300,979	2,299,295	-1,684	-0.1%	2,383,700
Frederick County	271,717	293,391	21,674	8.0%	293,170
Montgomery County	1,062,061	1,058,474	-3,587	-0.3%	1,097,700
Prince George's County	967,201	947,430	-19,771	-2.0%	992,830
Eastern Shore	456,815	465,659	8,844	1.9%	473,740
Caroline County	33,293	33,593	300	0.9%	34,130
Cecil County	103,725	105,672	1,947	1.9%	106,740
Dorchester County	32,531	32,879	348	1.1%	33,400
Kent County	19,198	19,303	105	06%	19,880
Queen Anne's County	49,874	52,508	2,634	5.3%	52,710
Somerset County	24,620	24,910	290	1.2%	25,090
Talbot County	37,526	37,823	297	0.8%	38,120
Wicomico County	103,588	104,800	1,212	1.2%	108,760
Worcester County	52,460	54,171	1,711	3.3%	54,910
Southern Maryland	373,177	381,982	8,805	2.4%	394,160
Calvert County	92,783	94,728	1,945	2.1%	95,510
Charles County	166,617	171,973	5,356	3.2%	176,420
St. Mary's County	113,777	115,281	1,504	1.3%	122,230

	2020 Census	2023 Estimate	Change 2020 -2023	Percent Change 2020 -2023	2025 Projection
Western Maryland	251,617	251,509	-108	-0.0%	258,010
Allegany County	68,106	67,273	-833	-1.2%	68,460
Garrett County	28,806	28,423	-383	-1.3%	29,100
Washington County	154,705	155,813	1,108	0.7%	160,450

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and Maryland Department of Planning.

**Maryland's Largest Cities
with 2023 Populations Greater than 10,000**

City	Region	Population	City	Region	Population
Baltimore	Greater Baltimore	565,239	Westminster	Greater Baltimore	20,536
Frederick	Capital	85,793	Cumberland	Western	18,751
Gaithersburg	Capital	69,563	Aberdeen	Greater Baltimore	18,006
Rockville	Capital	67,297	Takoma Park	Capital	17,464
Bowie	Capital	57,254	Easton	Eastern Shore	17,225
Hagerstown	Western	43,553	Elkton	Eastern Shore	15,968
Annapolis	Greater Baltimore	40,552	Havre de Grace	Greater Baltimore	15,032
College Park	Capital	34,187	New Carrollton	Capital	13,405
Salisbury	Eastern Shore	33,159	Cambridge	Eastern Shore	13,176
Laurel	Capital	29,400	La Plata	Southern	10,878
Greenbelt	Capital	24,360	Bel Air	Greater Baltimore	10,490
Hyattsville	Capital	20,662			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Based on the federal government's designation of statistical regions, Maryland is home to all or part of the following metropolitan areas:

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD
 California-Lexington Park, MD
 Cumberland, MD-WV (part)
 Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV (part)
 Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD (part)
 Salisbury, MD-DE (part)
 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (part)

Micropolitan Statistical Areas

Cambridge, MD
 Easton, MD

In addition, 16 of Maryland's 24 major jurisdictions are contained in the Washington-Baltimore-Arlington Combined Statistical Area, encompassing Washington D.C., as well as portions of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. It ranks as the third most populous combined area in the nation, with a population of over 10 million.

Additional demographic data are available through the Maryland State Data Center online at planning.maryland.gov/msdc, or the Census Bureau at www.census.gov.

Income

The Washington-Baltimore-Arlington Combined Statistical Area, which includes over 90 percent of Maryland's population, is one of the wealthiest in the nation. Maryland companies benefit from drawing on the state's wealthy consumers as a market for products and services. Maryland's top income rankings include:

- The highest median household income in the nation at \$101,652 for 2023, which is 29 percent above the national median.
- A 2023 per capita personal income of \$75,391, ranking eleventh among the states.
- From 2013 to 2023, Maryland's per capita personal income increased by 45.3 percent.

Income levels vary from region to region within the state, with higher incomes concentrated in the urbanized counties of the Baltimore-Washington corridor. Top ranking counties for median household income include:

- Howard County, ranking first in the state at \$146,982.
- Calvert County, ranking second at \$132,059.

Income Estimates for Maryland Jurisdictions

	2023 Median Household Income	2023 Per Capita Personal Income	2023 Total Personal Income (000's)
Allegany County	\$57,393	\$49,182	\$3,308,588
Anne Arundel County	\$120,324	\$84,019	\$49,956,099
Baltimore City	\$59,623	\$64,357	\$36,377,022
Baltimore County	\$90,904	\$74,738	\$63,131,204
Calvert County	\$132,059	\$76,018	\$7,201,041
Caroline County	\$66,368	\$56,447	\$1,896,231
Carroll County	\$115,876	\$74,895	\$13,229,327
Cecil County	\$91,146	\$59,373	\$6,274,055
Charles County	\$120,592	\$66,642	\$11,460,543
Dorchester County	\$60,495	\$57,060	\$1,876,075
Frederick County	\$120,458	\$76,664	\$22,492,641
Garrett County	\$69,031	\$57,525	\$1,635,022
Harford County	\$111,317	\$71,196	\$18,841,593
Howard County	\$146,982	\$95,529	\$32,097,902
Kent County	\$74,402	\$77,025	\$1,486,810
Montgomery County	\$128,733	\$100,044	\$105,894,149
Prince George's County	\$100,708	\$57,096	\$54,094,675
Queen Anne's County	\$113,347	\$83,650	\$4,392,314
Somerset County	\$52,462	\$37,345	\$930,271
St. Mary's County	\$114,580	\$70,353	\$8,110,309
Talbot County	\$84,378	\$98,166	\$3,712,937
Washington County	\$74,157	\$56,174	\$8,752,693
Wicomico County	\$72,861	\$48,596	\$5,092,827
Worcester County	\$81,455	\$68,163	\$3,692,431

Note: In rare instances above, per capita personal income exceeds median household income due to different data sources and income definitions.
Sources: Median Household Income from the U.S. Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates; Personal Income from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

In addition to high income levels, Maryland also has a low poverty rate with 9.5 percent (2023) of the state's residents live below the poverty level, compared with 11.1 percent for the United States as a whole.