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Maryland

“The Old Line State”

Basic Facts

Capital: Annapolis

Statehood: April 28, 1788

Admittance: 7th state

Motto: Manly Deeds, Womanly Words

Song: “Maryland, My Maryland”

Bird: Baltimore oriole

Flower: Black-eyed susan

Tree: White oak

Abbreviation: MD

Area: 10,460 square miles (27,092 sq. km)

Elevation: (above sea level)

Highest: 3,360 ft. (1,024 m) – Backbone Mt.

Lowest: Sea level along the coastline

Average Temperatures:

July: 75°F. (24°C)

January: 33°F. (1°C)

Average Yearly Precipitation: 43 in. (109 cm)

Population

How Many: 5,296,486 (2000 Census)

Density: 558.4 people per square mile

Largest Cities: Baltimore, Silver Spring, Dundalk

State Government

Governor: 4-year term

Senators (47): 4-year term

Representatives (141): 4-year term

Counties: 23

Federal Government

Senators (2): 6-year term

Representatives (8): 2-year term

Electoral Votes: 10

Economy

Agriculture: broiler chickens, milk, corn, soybeans, beef cattle, tobacco

Fishing: oysters, clams, crabs

Manufacturing: electric machinery and equipment, food products, chemicals, primary metals, nonelectric machinery

Mining: coal, stone, clay

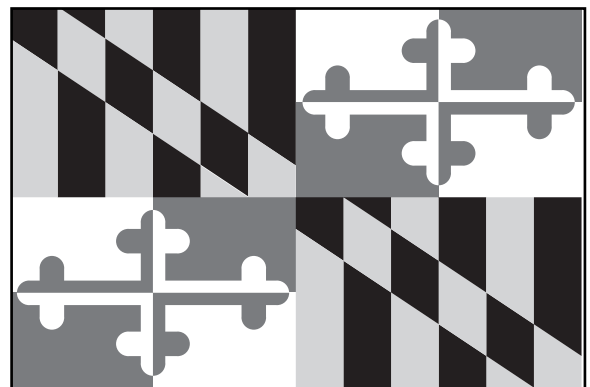
Interesting Facts

- Jousting, fighting on horseback with lances, is the official state sport.
- Francis Scott Key wrote “The Star-Spangled Banner” in Baltimore during the War of 1812.

Interesting Marylander

- Benjamin Banneker was born in Baltimore in 1731. He was one of America’s earliest African American scientists. He specialized in astronomy.

Maryland State Flag



The United States (cont.)

