

Geographic Characteristics

State land area (sq. mi): 9,774	% of U.S.: 0.28
Coastline (mi): 31	Shoreline (mi): 3,190
County equivalents: 24	Coastal: 20 Marine: 14

2000 Sex by Age: State of Maryland and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
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Maryland	5,296,486	48.3%	6.7%	14.8%	12.6%	14.1%	17.3%	14.3%	8.9%	6.1%	4.0%	1.3%
Fishing Communities	38,556	47.3%	5.4%	12.3%	10.3%	10.9%	15.4%	13.9%	11.3%	9.6%	7.9%	3.0%
		52.7%										

2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Maryland and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
Maryland	5,296,486	64.0%	27.9%	0.3%	4.0%	0.0%	1.8%	2.0%	4.3%
Fishing Communities	38,556	79.1%	18.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	1.4%	0.3%

2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total

Fishing Communities ¹	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
Maryland	5,296,486	\$52,868	6.1%	67.8%	Some college	12.6%
Cambridge	10,911	\$25,967	17.2%	59.4%	HS graduate	3.8%
Crisfield	2,723	\$17,979	30.5%	53.1%	HS graduate	4.1%
Deale	4,796	\$66,016	1.9%	75.2%	Some college	3.1%
Ocean City	7,173	\$35,772	6.0%	60.4%	HS graduate	7.0%
Pocomoke City	4,098	\$28,938	13.6%	60.3%	HS graduate	4.0%
Rock Hall	1,396	\$32,833	10.5%	64.9%	HS graduate	2.0%
Shady Side	5,559	\$68,406	3.9%	77.0%	Some college	4.8%
Smith Island	364	\$26,324	14.4%	50.8%	HS graduate	2.2%
Solomons	1,536	\$48,532	2.1%	43.6%	Some college	4.9%

Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Maryland

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population ²	5,092,914	5,130,072	5,171,634	5,296,486	5,379,795	5,441,349	5,506,684	5,553,249	5,589,599	5,615,727
Building Permits	25,966	30,863	29,757	30,358	29,059	29,293	29,914	27,382	30,180	23,262
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.8
Disaster Declarations	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Emergency Declarations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

¹Maryland attributes fisheries landings to water bodies where fish are caught, not by port or community. Maryland fishing communities were identified by experts on the state's fishing communities rather than by commercial fisheries landings in 2006.

²Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.