

# MARYLAND



GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Middle Maryland	Baltimore
West Maryland	Hagerstown
East Maryland	Salisbury
Central Maryland	Baltimore, Annapolis

## MARYLAND – CLIMATE

Maryland has a wide array of climates, due to local variances in elevation, proximity to water, and protection from colder weather due to [downslope winds](#).

The eastern half of Maryland—which includes the cities of [Ocean City](#), [Salisbury](#), [Annapolis](#), and the southern and eastern suburbs of Washington, D.C. and [Baltimore](#)—lies on the [Atlantic Coastal Plain](#), with flat topography and sandy or muddy soil. This region has a [humid subtropical climate](#) (Köppen Cfa), with hot, humid summers and a short, mild to cool winter; it falls under USDA [Hardiness zone](#) 8a.

The [Piedmont](#) region—which includes northern and western greater Baltimore, [Westminster](#), [Gaithersburg](#), [Frederick](#), and [Hagerstown](#)—has average seasonal snowfall totals generally exceeding 20 inches (51 cm) and, as part of USDA Hardiness zones 7b and 7a, [\[35\]](#) temperatures below 10 °F (–12 °C) are less rare. From the [Cumberland Valley](#) on westward, the climate begins to transition to a [humid continental climate](#) (Köppen Dfa).

In western Maryland, the higher elevations of [Allegany](#) and [Garrett](#) counties—including the cities of [Cumberland](#), [Frostburg](#), and [Oakland](#)—display more characteristics of the humid continental zone, due in part to elevation. They fall under USDA Hardiness zones 6b and below.

Precipitation in the state is characteristic of the [East Coast](#). Annual rainfall ranges from 35 to 45 inches (890 to 1,140 mm) with more in higher elevations. Nearly every part of Maryland receives 3.5–4.5 inches (89–114 mm) per month of rain. Average annual snowfall varies from 9 inches (23 cm) in the coastal areas to over 100 inches (250 cm) in the western mountains of the state.

Because of its location near the [Atlantic Coast](#), Maryland is somewhat vulnerable to [tropical cyclones](#), although the [Delmarva Peninsula](#) and the outer banks of [North Carolina](#) provide a large buffer, such that strikes from major hurricanes (category 3 or above) occur infrequently. More often, Maryland gets the remnants of a tropical system which has already come ashore and released most of its energy. Maryland averages around 30–40 days of thunderstorms a year, and averages around six tornado strikes annually.

## [CULTURAL ACTIVITIES](#)

Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas:

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/list/25-free-or-nearly-free-things-do-maryland>



Take a [self-guided driving tour](#) of over 30 historic sites related to Harriet Tubman’s life and her journeys on the [Underground Railroad](#), a term for the trip Tubman would take with slaves from the South to freedom in the North.

Visit [Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine](#) to see the site that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the U.S. national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner”, during the War of 1812. Exhibits, videos, daily flag programs and walks are available to visitors at the fort and visitor center.

The [Antietam National Battlefield](#) is the site of the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. During the Civil War, 23,000 soldiers were killed when the Confederacy invaded the Northern states at Antietam in Maryland. President Abraham Lincoln soon announced the Emancipation

Proclamation after the battle. Today, visitors can see museum exhibits, take tours and walks of the battlefield, listen to ranger-led talks and take self-guided hikes.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor is one of the most popular areas in the city and home to many tourist attractions, including the [National Aquarium](#), the [Maryland Science Center](#), the [Historic Ships in Baltimore](#) and many tours, cruises, restaurants and stores.

Visit the [Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture](#) in Baltimore to learn how African Americans contributed to Maryland's history and culture. See exhibits, artifacts from military history, African art, objects from local history, and go to special events like lectures and film screenings.

[Annapolis](#), the capital of Maryland, has a long history that dates back to the colonial era in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It was also the temporary capital of the U.S. for a brief period in 1783 to 1784. Today, visitors can see historic sites like the [Maryland State House](#), [St. John's College](#) and the [U.S. Naval Academy](#). Check out a few of the tours offered in Annapolis in the Tour Companies section below!

[Ocean City](#) is a popular summer destination and home to beaches, a boardwalk, restaurants, golf courses, shopping, watersports, tours and much more! [Jolly Roger Amusement Parks](#) are a popular group of attractions in the area and include roller coasters, water parks, mini golf and other fun activities.

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Aldi	Safeway
Costco	Shoppers Food
Food Lion	Super Fresh
Giant Food	Wal-Mart Supercenter
Klein's Super Market	Wawa Food Markets
Mars Supermarket	Weis Markets

**Click on this site for more grocery stores in Maryland:**

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/MD/>

## SHOPPING

### Malls in Maryland

1	<b>Arundel Mills</b>	Hanover, MD (Baltimore)	232 stores
2	<b>Beltway Plaza Mall</b>	Greenbelt, MD (DC Area)	123 stores
3	<b>Bethesda Row</b>	Bethesda, MD (DC Area)	34 stores
4	<b>Bowie Town Center</b>	Bowie, MD (DC Area)	75 stores
5	<b>Clarksburg Premium Outlets</b>	Clarksburg, MD (Baltimore / DC)	97 stores
6	<b>Country Club Mall</b>	LaVale, MD (Central MD)	44 stores
7	<b>Downtown Silver Spring Shopping District</b>	Silver Spring, MD (DC Area)	
8	<b>Eastpoint Mall</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	94 stores
9	<b>Festival at Riva</b>	Annapolis, MD (Annapolis)	49 stores
10	<b>Francis Scott Key Mall</b>	Frederick, MD (Baltimore)	63 stores
11	<b>Hagerstown Premium Outlets</b>	Hagerstown, MD (Baltimore)	84 stores
12	<b>Harbor East</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	68 stores
13	<b>Harborplace</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	19 stores
14	<b>Harford Mall</b>	Bel Air, MD (Baltimore)	76 stores
15	<b>Hunt Valley Towne Centre</b>	Hunt Valley, MD (Baltimore)	58 stores
16	<b>Iverson Mall</b>	Hillcrest Heights, MD (DC Area)	
17	<b>Lakeforest Mall</b>	Gaithersburg, MD (Central MD)	125 stores
18	<b>Marley Station</b>	Glen Burnie, MD (Baltimore)	88 stores
19	<b>Mondawmin Mall</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	102 stores
20	<b>Outlets Ocean City</b>	Ocean City, MD (SE Maryland)	30 stores

 21	<b>Owings Mills Mall</b>	Owings Mills, MD (Baltimore)	8 stores
 22	<b>Queenstown Premium Outlets</b>	Queenstown, MD (DC Area)	63 stores
 23	<b>Security Square Mall</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	116 stores
 24	<b>St. Charles Towne Center</b>	Waldorf, MD (DC Area)	133 stores
 25	<b>Tanger Outlets National Harbor</b>	National Harbor, MD (DC Area)	83 stores
 26	<b>The Centre at Salisbury</b>	Salisbury, MD (SE Maryland)	82 stores
 27	<b>The Gallery at Harborplace</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	31 stores
 28	<b>The Mall at Prince Georges</b>	Hyattsville, MD (DC Area)	80 stores
 29	<b>The Mall in Columbia</b>	Columbia, MD (Baltimore)	211 stores
 30	<b>The Shops at Waldorf Center</b>	Waldorf, MD (DC Area)	42 stores
 31	<b>The Village at Waugh Chapel</b>	Gambrills, MD (Baltimore)	54 stores
 32	<b>TownMall of Westminster</b>	Westminster, MD (Central MD)	63 stores
 33	<b>Towson Town Center</b>	Towson, MD (Baltimore)	178 stores
 34	<b>Valley Mall</b>	Hagerstown, MD (Baltimore)	83 stores
 35	<b>Waugh Chapel Towne Centre</b>	Gambrills, MD (Annapolis)	59 stores
 36	<b>Westfield Annapolis Shopping Centre</b>	Annapolis, MD (Annapolis)	193 stores
 37	<b>Westfield Montgomery Shopping Centre</b>	Bethesda, MD (DC Area)	175 stores
 38	<b>Westfield Wheaton Shopping Centre</b>	Wheaton, MD (DC Area)	147 stores
 39	<b>White Marsh Mall</b>	Baltimore, MD (Baltimore)	131 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<https://mallseeker.com/marylandmalls.aspx>

## PHARMACIES

Walgreens  
CVS Pharmacy  
Giant Pharmacy  
Safeway  
Target  
Rite-Aid  
Wal-Mart

**Click here for locating other pharmacies in Maryland:**

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-MD/>

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



**Click here for more information:**

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/MD.html>



**Click here for more information:**

<http://local.fedex.com/md/>



**Click here for more information:**

[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

## TIME ZONES

**Maryland Time Zone - Maryland Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

Maryland is in the Eastern Time Zone

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/maryland>

## COST OF LIVING IN MARYLAND

**Cost of Living Score**

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The cost of living score is calculated based on accumulating the cost of food, transportation, health services, rent, utilities, taxes, and miscellaneous.

↑ **19%**  
 Higher than national average

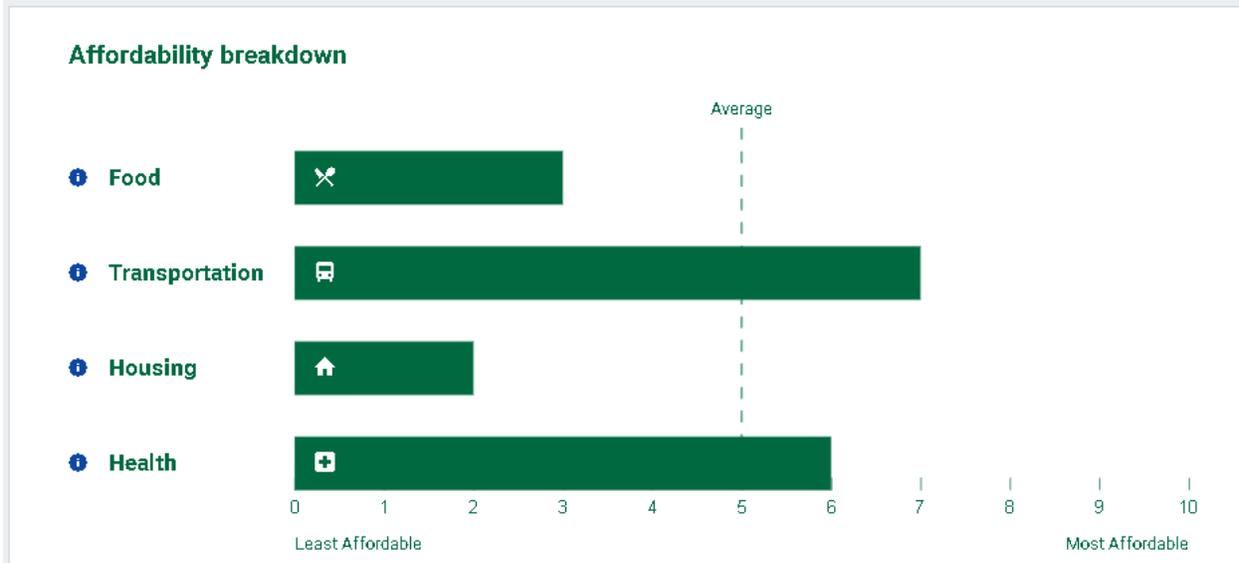
**Average Salary**

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**\$59,592 (USD) Yearly**

**\$29 (USD) Hourly**

[Calculate your salary based on job title, location and experience](#)



**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/maryland>

## MINIMUM WAGE

State	2020 Minimum Wage	2020 Tipped Wage
MD	\$11.00	\$3.63

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#md> or

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Maryland>

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**Click here for more information:**

<http://www.wcc.state.md.us/>

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Maryland Transit Administration

[mta.maryland.gov](http://mta.maryland.gov)

(410) 539-5000

Maryland Transit Administration

[www.mtamaryland.com](http://www.mtamaryland.com)

(410) 539-5000

MTA Maryland - White Marsh Park and Ride

[mta.maryland.gov](http://mta.maryland.gov)

(410) 539-5000

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<http://mta.maryland.gov/>