

Section 2 - Population Data

Table 2.1 displays the estimated population of the state as of July 1, 2017 by geographic region and political subdivision. Montgomery County continues to be the most populous of the 24 subdivisions, followed by Prince George's County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City, respectively. Kent County remains the least populated Maryland county.

Table 2.2 records the estimated population density of each subdivision as of July 1, 2017. Baltimore City is the most densely populated subdivision with 7,643 persons per square mile, followed by Montgomery County with 2,160 persons per square mile. Garrett County, with 45 persons per square mile, remains the least densely populated county.

TABLE 2.1
ESTIMATED POPULATION & POPULATION GROWTH
JULY 1, 2016 to JULY 1, 2017

Region & Subdivision	Population July 1, 2016	Population July 1, 2017	Total Change	Percent Change	2017 % of Total	Rank
NORTHWESTERN AREA	499,384	499,686	302	0.06%	8.23%	
Allegany	71,852	71,565	(287)	-0.40%	1.18%	16
Frederick	248,157	249,140	983	0.40%	4.10%	8
Garrett	29,228	29,092	(136)	-0.47%	0.48%	22
Washington	150,147	149,889	(258)	-0.17%	2.47%	11
BALTIMORE-METRO AREA	2,763,585	2,771,423	7,838	0.28%	45.63%	
Anne Arundel	568,557	572,411	3,854	0.68%	9.42%	5
Baltimore City	622,232	619,055	(3,177)	-0.51%	10.19%	4
Baltimore County	833,982	838,277	4,295	0.51%	13.80%	3
Carroll	168,434	167,631	(803)	-0.48%	2.76%	9
Harford	251,698	251,101	(597)	-0.24%	4.13%	7
Howard	318,682	322,948	4,266	1.34%	5.32%	6
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA	1,978,384	1,984,305	5,921	0.30%	32.67%	
Montgomery	1,053,344	1,060,621	7,277	0.69%	17.46%	1
Prince George's	925,040	923,684	(1,356)	-0.15%	15.21%	2
SOUTHERN AREA	361,780	363,447	1,667	0.46%	5.98%	
Calvert	91,084	90,795	(289)	-0.32%	1.49%	15
Charles	158,538	159,223	685	0.43%	2.62%	10
St. Mary's	112,158	113,429	1,271	1.13%	1.87%	12
EASTERN SHORE	453,922	454,956	1,034	0.23%	7.49%	
Caroline	32,331	32,640	309	0.96%	0.54%	20
Cecil	103,073	102,860	(213)	-0.21%	1.69%	14
Dorchester	32,518	32,157	(361)	-1.11%	0.53%	21
Kent	19,769	19,747	(22)	-0.11%	0.33%	24
Queen Anne's	49,210	49,241	31	0.06%	0.81%	18
Somerset	25,382	25,880	498	1.96%	0.43%	23
Talbot	37,146	37,332	186	0.50%	0.61%	19
Wicomico	102,667	103,589	922	0.90%	1.71%	13
Worcester	51,826	51,510	(316)	-0.61%	0.85%	17
TOTAL	6,057,055	6,073,817	16,762	0.28%	100.00%	

Source: Maryland Department of Legislative Services, October 2016

TABLE 2.2
ESTIMATED POPULATION DENSITY
 Population - July 1, 2017

SUBDIVISION	Population July 1, 2017	Square Miles (Land Only)	Estimated Density Per Square Mile	Density Rank
ALLEGANY	71,565	424	169	16
ANNE ARUNDEL	572,411	415	1,379	5
BALTIMORE CITY	619,055	81	7,643	1
BALTIMORE COUNTY	838,277	598	1,402	4
CALVERT	90,795	213	426	8
CAROLINE	32,640	319	102	20
CARROLL	167,631	447	375	10
CECIL	102,860	346	297	14
CHARLES	159,223	458	348	11
DORCHESTER	32,157	541	59	23
FREDERICK	249,140	660	377	9
GARRETT	29,092	647	45	24
HARFORD	251,101	437	575	7
HOWARD	322,948	251	1,287	6
KENT	19,747	277	71	22
MONTGOMERY	1,060,621	491	2,160	2
PRINCE GEORGE'S	923,684	483	1,912	3
QUEEN ANNE'S	49,241	372	132	18
ST. MARY'S	113,429	357	318	13
SOMERSET	25,880	319	81	21
TALBOT	37,332	268	139	17
WASHINGTON	149,889	458	327	12
WICOMICO	103,589	374	277	15
WORCESTER	51,510	468	110	19

Source: Maryland Department of Legislative Services, October 2016.
 Overview of Maryland Local Governments, Finances and Demographic Information, January 2016