



# Baltimore, MD



Baltimore, Maryland, was settled on the Patapsco River estuary, an arm of the Chesapeake Bay, in 1729 and was named for the second Lord Baltimore, the British founder and first governor of Maryland. During the War of 1812, soldiers stationed at Baltimore's Fort McHenry successfully held off a British attack, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Defense of Fort McHenry," the song that would later become "The Star Spangled Banner."

Baltimore's Inner Harbor is home to many major attractions, including the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, Geppi's Entertainment Museum, Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards, Babe Ruth Birthplace & Museum, Port Discovery Children's Museum, and Ripley's Believe or Not!.

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum is America's first wax museum of African American history and culture. Other Baltimore museums include Baltimore Museum of Art, Walters Art Museum, American Visionary Art Museum, B&O Railroad Museum, National Museum of Dentistry, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Civil War Museum, Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum, Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum, Public Works Museum, Streetcar Museum, and Baltimore Maritime Museum.

Although Clifton Mansion, a Victorian-era Italianate villa that was once the summer home of Johns Hopkins, is currently being restored, it continues to host special events.

Baltimore offers many opportunities to enjoy music, theater, and dance performances. Venues include the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Lyric Opera House, Center Stage, Everyman Theater, Vagabond Players, Arena Players, Fell's Point Corner Theaters, France Merrick Performing Arts Center at the Hippodrome Theater, and Creative Alliance at the Patterson.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Baltimore encompasses Historic Charles Street, Charles Center, and Market Place and is home to hundreds of businesses and cultural options. The Inner Harbor area features high-rise condominiums. Nearby communities include Little Italy, Historic Jonestown, Harborview, and Inner Harbor East. Downtown's West Side communities include University Center and the Loft, where a few brick manufacturing buildings have been converted into loft apartments or offices. Hospitals in the downtown include the Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore VA, and The University of Maryland Medical Center, which are also close to the Otterbein and Barre Circle historic districts. Otterbein features architecture from the early to mid-19th century constructed in the traditional Baltimore row house style. Newly constructed infill houses compliment the original structures. Barre Circle consists of two- and three-story brick row houses with minimal ornamentation built primarily between 1850 and the Civil War; some blocks date into the early 20th century.

Among Baltimore's many other historic districts, Mount Vernon's residential, commercial, and institutional buildings are among the city's most elaborate structures built between the 19th and early 20th century. Single-family Victorian row houses, carriage houses, condominiums, apartments, and several high-rises are residential options. The University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown is located in this neighborhood and near Bolton Hill, which features ornate mansions from the 1890s and early 1900s and restored mid- to late-19th century three-story, red brick row houses with white marble steps. Several townhouses and mid-rise apartment buildings constructed in the 1960s and 1970s are also located in this neighborhood. Butchers Hill is a dense residential neighborhood with three-story brick row houses built between 1850 and 1915 at the crest of Hempstead Hill; frequent use of elaborate iron work for structural and decorative purposes characterize this neighborhood that is located near Johns Hopkins Hospital. Built along a strict grid pattern, Charles Village is a residential district primarily consisting of row houses built during the 1895 to 1915 period that were set back from the street and feature eclectic architectural elements. MedStar Union Memorial Hospital is located in Charles Village and also close to Oakenhawe, which has detached, semi-detached, and attached homes on tree-lined streets, many dating back to the late 1800s. Most homes have front and back yards with driveways and garages.

The Bayview neighborhood features two-story, brick row houses and is situated between the Joseph E. Lee Park and John Hopkins Bayview Hospital. Conceived in the 1970s, Coldspring Newtown is one of Baltimore's planned communities, has some two- and three-story townhouses that date from 1995, and is located near Sinai Hospital. Ramblewood is primarily an

urban bedroom community comprised of two-story, red brick row houses and an apartment complex. The neighborhood is located near the MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Among Baltimore's 18 parks, Druid Hill Park is the city's first and is home to the Maryland Zoo, the Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens, Zen Garden, greenhouses, and a City Farms Garden. The park also contains such amenities as playgrounds; basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts; ball and athletic fields; a disc golf course; and a swimming pool.

Carroll Park boasts an assortment of athletic fields, basketball courts, a playground, Carroll Park Skateboarding & Bike Facility, Carroll Park Golf Course, and a City Farms Garden.

Canton Waterfront Park offers access to the Chesapeake Bay, a fishing pier, boat ramp, an off-leash dog park, and miles of trails.

Patterson Park features Boat Lake, Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro Ice Rink, playgrounds, swimming and wading pools, a recreation center, Audubon Center, basketball and tennis courts, and athletic and ball fields.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine commemorates the War of 1812 battle and other historical events.

Many professional sports teams play in Baltimore, including the Baltimore Orioles (baseball), Baltimore Ravens (football), Baltimore Burn (women's football), Baltimore Nighthawks (women's football), Baltimore Mariners (arena football), and Baltimore Blast (arena soccer).

Pimlico Race Track, in the Park Heights area, is the home of Maryland's Preakness horse race.

## EDUCATION

Baltimore City Public Schools educate more than 84,000 students in 54 elementary schools, 75 elementary/middle schools, 7 middle schools, 15 middle/high schools, 28 high schools, and 1 elementary/middle/high school.

Baltimore offers many opportunities for higher education. Public universities include University of Baltimore, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, and Baltimore City Community College. The University of Maryland, Baltimore, has 7 professional and graduate schools, including medical, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy schools.

Johns Hopkins University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Loyola University Maryland, Maryland Institute College of Art, Sojourner-Douglass College, Stratford University, Saint Mary's Seminary and University, and Faith Theological Seminary are private universities in the city. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is also located in Baltimore.

## HEALTH CARE

Baltimore is served by an extensive health care system (approximately 4,500 beds) that includes Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Sinai Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Saint Agnes Hospital, University of Maryland Medical Center, University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus, Bon Secours Hospital, MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, MedStar Harbor Hospital, and MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital. The Baltimore VA Medical Center is an acute medical and surgical care facility that offers veterans a full range of inpatient, outpatient, and primary care services. Pediatrics-only programs include Kennedy Krieger Institute and Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital.

## CITY STATS

2012

City Population	622,417
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	2,753,149
Per capita personal income, Baltimore-Towson MSA:	\$54,201