



## **Fast Facts**

- In April 1706, Maryland's colonial legislators designated Whetstone Point, an area adjacent to Fort McHenry, as an official Port of Entry for Maryland's tobacco trade with England.
- The depth of the main channel leading into the Port of Baltimore is 50 feet.
- The Port of Baltimore is comprised of private and public port terminals situated on 45 miles of shoreline and 3403.25 acres of waterfront land.
- Approximately 2,300 vessels visit the Port of Baltimore annually.
- The high productivity of the Port of Baltimore's labor force is attributable to a traditionally cooperative working relationship between waterfront labor and management.
- The Port of Baltimore is nestled in the nation's fourth-largest, second-wealthiest and fastest-growing consumer market – the Baltimore-Washington corridor.
- The Port of Baltimore is the closest Atlantic port to the American Midwest.
- 2/3 of the nation's population is within an overnight drive of the Port of Baltimore.
- The Port of Baltimore offers an advanced transportation network using sophisticated computer tracking systems.
- The Port of Baltimore is connected to major markets by major highway arteries - all general cargo terminals lie within 2.5 miles of major interstate highways.
- The city of Baltimore has two Class One railroads offering greatly increased transportation options.
- Seagirt Marine Terminal, a \$220 million terminal, is recognized as the best terminal on the Atlantic United States East Coast.

- Seagirt Marine Terminal has an average of 37 container moves per hour.
- The Port of Baltimore is known for efficiency and storage capacity.
- The activities of the Port of Baltimore support in excess of 112,000 Maryland workers: 16,000 directly, 17,000 indirectly, and more than 79,000 who benefit from Port-related business.
- The Port of Baltimore generates about \$220 million in state and local taxes and brings in about \$1.5 billion annually in business revenues, while putting another \$2 billion in the pockets of Maryland's workforce.
- More than 500,000 automobiles roll through the Port of Baltimore's terminals annually.
- From clothing to furniture to steel and electronics, the Port of Baltimore moves more than 40 million tons of bulk and container cargo.
- Raw products imported to the Port of Baltimore include forest products/paper, ore, petroleum, coal, sugar, soybeans and grains.
- For the last two years, the Port of Baltimore has exceeded seven million tons of general cargo.
- The Port of Baltimore is ranked No.1 in Roll On/Roll Off (Ro/Ro) cargo, handling nearly 50 percent of the United States east coast market's share of Ro/Ro cargo annually.