

Australia's relationship with

# MARYLAND

## KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 6.04 million ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Annapolis (capital), Baltimore (largest)
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$427 billion ([2019](#))
- **GDP Growth:** 1.4% ([2019](#))
- **% College Educated:** 40.2% ([2019](#))
- **Median Household Income:** \$80,776 (2019)
- **Key Industries:** Defence & Aerospace, BioTechnology, Transportation, Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Fishing
- **Known for:** Fort McHenry (birthplace of US national anthem), National Aquarium (Baltimore), Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Chesapeake Bay, steamed blue crabs & Natty Bos, home to Billy Holiday, Harriet Tubman, Frank Zappa, Montel Williams, Goldie Hawn, nick named "The Old Line State"

## ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade (goods only):** US\$361 million (2019)
- **Australian Exports to Maryland:** US\$237 million (2019)
- **Maryland's Exports to Australia:** US\$124 million ([2019](#))

## POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Larry Hogan (R), next election - 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 65.4%
- **Senators:** Ben Cardin (D), Chris Van Hollen (D)
- **House:** 7 Democrats, 1 Republican

## PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**  
Easton – Kempsey NSW
- **Official Visits:** Foreign Minister Bishop visited DC-Baltimore AFL club in 2017.
- **National Aquarium** in Baltimore features the permanent exhibit Australia: Wild Extremes
- **Roos2U** is a macropod sanctuary open to the public in Germantown



- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Maryland is managed by the **Consulate General in Washington DC**

## AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australians Living in Maryland:**  
Gavin Buckley (mayor of Annapolis, elected 2017)
- **Australians in Washington Association**  
Members live in DC, Maryland and Virginia

## AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **LifeJourney:** An online experience platform for schools that empowers students to test-drive future STEM careers and learn directly from top industry professionals. Its mission is to provide students in schools across the nation the opportunity to learn about STEM careers, develop new skills and understand industry challenges with the goal of helping them find their own passion.
- **GHD:** One of the world's leading professional services companies operating in the global market sectors of water, energy and resources, environment, property and buildings as well as transportation
- **Lendlease:** Leading international property and infrastructure group with approximately 13,000 employees across operations in Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas
- **Varley USA Inc.:** A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Varley Group that specialises in Aerospace and Defence programs. Varley USA was founded to leverage the technology, innovation, responsiveness and legacy of its Australian parents across to the U.S. Varley USA holds all the clearances and import/export approvals to enable its customers to work with Varley Group as a U.S.-based partner and supplier.



## GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **Marriott:** Global lodging company with nearly 4,500 properties in 87 countries. Marriott operates and franchises hotels with more than a dozen brands including JW Marriott, Marriott Marquis, the Ritz Carlton, Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield Inn & Suites as well as Residence Inn by Marriott.
- **Under Armour:** Developer of sports apparel and accessories. The company's athletic performance apparel feature a special moisture-wicking technology that regulates body temperature.
- **Northrop Grumman Corporation:** Manufacturer and designer of aerospace and mission critical systems, enabling the U.S. Government and its allies to utilise these systems for battle management, strike operations, electronic warfare, missile defence, Earth observation and as space science exploration.
- **Medstar Health:** Not-for-profit healthcare organisation that operates more than 120 entities, including ten hospitals in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area.

## CULTURE

Maryland's geographic location means that it is a mix of northern and southern American culture. Notable landmarks from Maryland include:

- **Baltimore Inner Harbor**
- **Ocean City Boardwalk**
- **Assateague State Park**

## SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- **Entrepreneurship Ranking:** 25<sup>th</sup> (based on new firm births as a share of total businesses in the state, rank out of 51)
- **Tech Jobs Ranking:** 4<sup>th</sup> (based on share of engineers and computer scientists in the workforce, rank out of 51)
- **BERD Intensity Ranking:** 23<sup>rd</sup> (based on business expenditure on R&D per dollar of state output, rank out of 51)
- **New Economy Index Ranking:** 6<sup>th</sup> (based on composite index that reports on the innovation-driven economy, rank out of 51)

## UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- In 2018, the Australian National University and the **University of Maryland** signed a partnership agreement to strengthen research collaboration in areas of mutual strength and priority, including defence research, cybersecurity, space and quantum science. This includes joint engagement with innovative companies such as Northrop Grumman.
  - **University of Maryland** offers credit courses in Sydney and Cairns and **Loyola** offers semesters at La Trobe in Melbourne
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