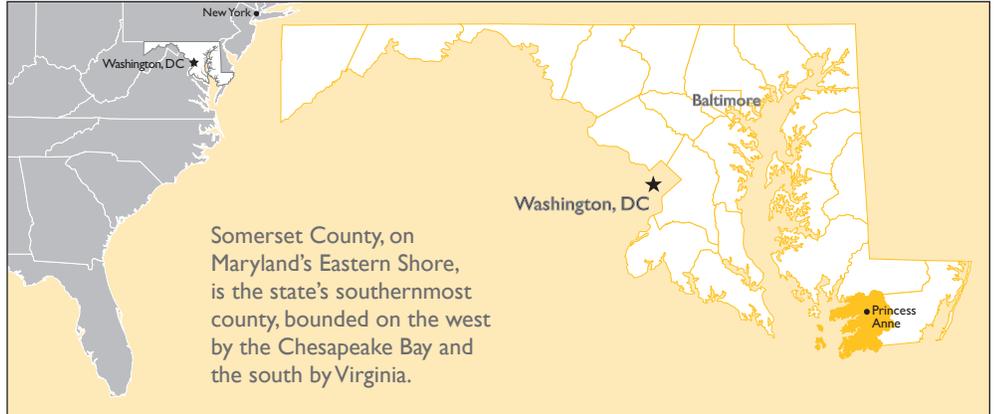


Brief Economic Facts

SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

Somerset County on Maryland's Eastern Shore is bounded by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and Virginia to the south, and is the state's southernmost county. It is located approximately 100 miles from the Baltimore/Washington, Wilmington/Philadelphia, and Norfolk/Hampton Roads metro areas. Crisfield and Princess Anne are the major municipalities. Somerset County's private sector industries generate \$694 million in economic output. Major employers include Sysco Eastern Maryland, Handy Intl., Mountaire Farms, Sherwin Williams/Rubberset, Tidal Health, Eastern Correctional Institute and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

Somerset is a major seafood processor and poultry producer, with Princess Anne as the county seat and home to UMES. The county has two established Enterprise Zones (Crisfield and Princess Anne) and also participates in the One Maryland



Program. Natural gas is currently being installed and should reach completion by the end of 2021. Sixty-five acres of land along Rt. 13 has recently been purchased with plans for mixed-use development consisting of a hotel, with retail/commercial pad sites.

The Economic Development Commission continues to assist in commercial/industrial development, and in attracting

LOCATION

Driving distance from Princess Anne:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	681	1,097
Baltimore, Maryland	114	184
Boston, Massachusetts	442	712
Chicago, Illinois	805	1,296
New York, New York	232	373
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	143	230
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	336	540
Richmond, Virginia	202	325
Washington, DC	126	203

CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY¹

Yearly Precipitation (inches)	44.8
Yearly Snowfall (inches)	8
Summer Temperature (°F)	74.5
Winter Temperature (°F)	38
Days Below Freezing	102
Land Area (square miles)	338.4
Water area (square miles)	35.9
Shoreline (miles)	1,106
Elevation (ft)	sea level to 46

POPULATION^{2,3}

	Somerset County Households	Somerset County Population	Lower Eastern Shore*	Maryland
2010	18,025	47,798	197,980	5,773,552
2020	18,750	51,167	235,623	6,055,802
2030**	21,025	55,730	261,360	6,254,500

*Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties

**Projections

Selected places population (2010): Princess Anne 3,290; Crisfield 2,726; Eden 823; Mount Vernon 779

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION^{2,3} (2019)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5yrs	2,513	5.1
5 - 19 yrs	9,316	18.8
20 - 44 yrs	13,334	26.9
45 -64 yrs	15,350	30.9
65 and over	9,119	18.4
Total	49,632	100.0
Median Age		44.4 Years

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LABOR AVAILABILITY^{3,4,5} (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

Civilian Labor Force (2019 avg.)	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Total civilian labor force	9,252	86,790
Employment	8,689	81,924
Unemployment	563	4,866
Unemployment rate	6.09%	5.61%

Residents commuting outside the county to work (2015-2019)	Number	Percent
	4,223	48.9%

Employment in selected occupations (2015-2019)

Occupation	Number	Percent
Management, business, science and arts	2578	29
Service	2409	27.1
Sales and office	1786	20.1
Production, transp. and material moving	1,155	13

*Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS^{6,7} (2020-2021)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)	Higher education	855
Sysco Eastern Maryland	Food products distribution	450
Somerset Community Services	Services for the disabled	425
TidalHealth	Medical Services	300
Sherwin Williams / Rubberset	Painting supplies	240
Aurora Sr. Living of Manokin	Nursing care	175
Southern Connection Seafood*	Seafood processing, distribution	130
Three Lower Counties Community Services	Medical Services	105
Handy's International*	Seafood processing	75
Metompkin Bay Oyster*	Seafood processing, distribution	70
Peraton	Engineering services	70
Eastern Shore Drywall	Drywall, insulation	60
Mountaire Farms	Chicken hatchery	50
Halal Poultry	Food processing	45
Tidewater Express	Trucking services	35
Caesar's	Restaurants	30
Millennium Microwave Corporation	Defense MFG	30
PNC Financial Services Grp.	Banking services	25
Smith Island Baking	Cake manufacturing, distribution	25
U.S. Coast Guard ^A	Mariner assistance	25

Excludes post offices, state and local governments, national retail and national foodservice; includes higher education^B

Includes seasonal workers

^AEmployee counts for federal and military contractors may be included

EMPLOYMENT⁴ (2020)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Empl. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal Government	13	57	0.93	\$946
State Government	9	1,729	28.35	1,280
Local Government	19	938	15.38	956
Private Sector	424	3,374	55.32	890
Natural resources and mining	19	119	1.95	849
Construction	60	264	4.33	898
Manufacturing	19	239	3.92	1,182
Trade, Transportation, and utilities	110	1,014	16.63	824
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial activities	33	151	2.48	760
Professional and business services	44	202	3.31	857
Education and health services	62	939	15.40	1,081
Leisure and hospitality	43	253	4.15	328
Other Services	26	167	2.74	753
Total	466	6,099	100.00	1,011

Includes civilian employment only

*Confidential

HOURLY WAGE RATES⁴ (2020)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Skilled
Accountants	\$28.24	\$20.92	\$35.77
Biochemist and biophysicists	\$24.32	\$16.55	\$26.57
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	\$18.33	\$13.70	\$21.52
Computer systems analysts	\$37.51	\$26.59	\$45.36
Computer user support specialists	\$22.93	\$15.11	\$26.74
Customer service representatives	\$15.03	\$12.14	\$18.03
Electrical engineers	\$42.01	\$33.06	\$50.81
Electronics engineering technicians	\$52.42	\$46.76	\$67.76
Freight, stock and material movers	\$13.77	\$11.68	\$16.23
Industrial truck operators	\$15.30	\$12.10	\$17.05
Information security analyst	\$41.68	\$29.36	\$52.36
Inspectors, testers, sorters	\$19.48	\$13.93	\$22.26
Machinists	\$21.35	\$15.40	\$25.24
Maintenance workers, machinery	\$15.56	\$12.93	\$21.40
Mechanical Engineers	\$46.08	\$37.16	\$53.62
Network support specialists	\$29.47	\$21.08	\$35.22
Packaging/filling machine operators	\$14.14	\$12.47	\$15.91
Packers and packagers hand	\$12.17	\$11.39	\$13.82
Secretaries	\$17.93	\$13.25	\$21.11
Shipping/receiving clerks	\$15.25	\$13.29	\$17.75
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$14.14	\$11.70	\$17.92
Team assemblers	\$13.47	\$11.35	\$16.39

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive on the Lower Eastern Shore (Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties) and may vary by industry, employer and locality

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES^{3,8}

Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2015-2019)

High school graduate or higher	89.77%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.89%

Public Schools

Number: 4 elementary; 4 middle/comb.; 3 high
Enrollment: 2,9307
Cost per pupil: 16,314
Students per teacher: 12.5
High school career / tech enrollment: 2,930
High school graduates: 331

Nonpublic Schools Number: 1

Higher Education (2019)	Enrollment	Degrees
4-year institutions		
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	2,646	676

TAX RATES⁹

	Somerset County	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2021)	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
Personal Income Tax (2021)		2.0-5.75%
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000		
Sales & Use Tax (2021)	none	6.0%
Exempt – sales for resale; manufacturer's purchase of raw materials; manufacturing machinery and equipment; purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products; purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale		
Real Property Tax (FY 21)	\$1.0000	\$0.1120
Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value		
In an incorporated area, a municipal rate will also apply		
Business Personal Prop. Tax (FY 21)	\$2.50	none
Rate per \$100 of depreciated value		
Exempt – manufacturing and R&D machinery, equipment, materials and supplies; manufacturing, R&D and warehousing inventory In an incorporated area, a municipal rate may also apply; municipal exemptions may be available		

Major Tax Credits Available

Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, More Jobs for Marylanders, R&D, New Jobs, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, A&E District

INCOME³ (2015-2019)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Somerset Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	32.10	13.10	19.20
\$25,000 - \$49,999	25.00	17.00	21.20
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.20	15.30	17.20
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.80	13.20	12.70
\$100,000 - \$149,999	9.60	19.00	15.10
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.80	10.50	6.80
\$200,000 and over	1.60	12.70	7.70
Median household	\$37,803	\$84,805	\$62,843
Average household	\$55,239	\$111,417	\$88,607
Per Capita	\$18,772	\$42,122	\$34,103
Total income (millions)	\$483	\$245,697	\$10,699,831

HOUSING^{3,10}

Occupied Units 2015-2019 8,574 (65.00% owner occupied)

Housing Transactions

Units Sold	238
Median Selling Price	\$157,779

*All multiple listed properties excludes auctions and FSBO

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY⁶

Princess Anne Industrial Park - Located within the incorporated city limits of the town of Princess Anne is a 65-acre park divided into lots, ranging from approximately three to six acres in size. The park is conveniently accessible to U.S. Route 13 and to markets north and south with accessible rail alongside the park. Sites are level, cleared and ready for immediate construction.

Crisfield Industrial Park - 50-acre industrial park in the city of Crisfield. Both industrial parks are located within a designated Enterprise Zone. The parks are fully equipped with water, sewer, utilities and access roads.

Princess Anne Village and Chase Plaza, located along Rt. 13 in Princess Anne, offer both commercial and retail space. Units are available for sale or lease

Market Profile Data (2019)	Low	High	Average
Land – cost per acre			
Industrial	\$10,500	\$30,000	\$25,000
Office			
Rental Rates – per square foot			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$1.50	\$3.25	\$2.50
Flex / R&D / Technology			
Class A Office			

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TRANSPORTATION

Highways: U.S. 13 Rail: Norfolk Southern Railway

Truck: More than 70 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located on the Lower Eastern Shore

Water: Served by the Port of Baltimore, 50' channel; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility; also served by Crisfield Harbor, 8'-10' channel

Air: Scheduled service available at Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport, 16 miles from Princess Anne; Crisfield Airport has one 2500' x 75' paved, lighted runway, and one 3350' x 100' grass runway; further improvements are currently planned and/or underway

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Parks and Recreation: Janes Island State Park; Somerset County Recreation and Parks received funding from DNR Open Space program to purchase 45 acres to be used for public playing fields, trails and an indoor recreation facility; organized recreational activities include football, baseball, basketball, softball, racquetball, swimming, dance, volleyball, weight lifting, soccer, biking, karate, yoga, aerobics and after-school programs; an athletic center is also planned for Princess Anne in a cooperative effort between the town and UMES

Golf: Great Hope Golf Course offers 18 holes on 213 acres

Water Activities: 11 county boat ramps; Somers Cove Marina, located in Crisfield, is a state-owned marina with over 455 slips; charter fishing boats and cruise boats departing the City of Crisfield are available

Attractions: Crisfield Historical Museum, Ward Brothers Homeplace, Teackle Mansion, Princess Anne Farmers Market, many antique shops and historic buildings and sites

Arts & Entertainment District: Crisfield

Events: Princess Anne Street Fest, Christmas in Princess Anne, Crisfield Hard Crab Derby, Skipjack Race of Deal Island, Tawes Annual Crab & Clam Bake, Somerset County Fair, Fairmount Academy 1800s Festival, Waterman's Folklife Festival, Softshell Spring Fair, J. Millard Tawes Oyster and Bull Roast, Summer on Somerset, Wheels on the Waterfront, Strawberry Festival, Freedom Fest, Dock Day on the Bay, Midnight Muskrat Drop, and Christmas in Crisfield

UTILITIES

Electricity: Delmarva Power, Choptank Electric Cooperative, and A & N Electric Cooperative; customers of investor-owned utilities and major cooperatives may choose their electric supplier

Natural Gas: Chesapeake Utilities and Eastern Shore Natural Gas

Water: County systems in Crisfield (outside city limit), Princess Anne, Rumbley-Frenchtown, and Upper and Lower Fairmount; municipal system serves city limits of Crisfield

Sewer: County systems in Crisfield (outside city limit), Princess Anne, Smith Island, and Upper and Lower Fairmount; municipal system serves city limits of Crisfield

Telecommunications: Predominant local carrier is Verizon Maryland; fiber broadband availability through Maryland Broadband Cooperative; fiber optic cable extended from Wallops Island along U.S. Rt. 13

GOVERNMENT

County Seat: Princess Anne

Government: Five commissioners elected by district for four year terms; commissioner form of government limits county legislative power to areas authorized by the General Assembly
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