

## Comparing and Contrasting Maryland and Pennsylvania

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### **Maryland**

Maryland is located in the Mid-Atlantic region of America. It borders Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia. It was one of America's original 13 colonies and became its seventh state on April 28, 1788. Maryland's nickname is the Old Line State. Annapolis is the state's capital, but Baltimore is its largest city. Baltimore is the home of the one of the nation's most famous aquariums. Like many of the east coast states, western Maryland is dominated by the Appalachian Mountains, central Maryland features piedmont, and eastern Maryland is part of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Ocean City, located on Maryland's Atlantic coast, is a popular destination for beachgoers. Although Maryland is a small state compared to others, it now has more than six million people, and thus, has the fifth highest population density in the country. This means people are more crowded in Maryland than other states.

### **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania, one of the original 13 colonies, became America's second state on December 12, 1787. At the time, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the capital of the United States. Millions of people flock to Philadelphia every year to see Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Independence Hall was the site of the drafting of both the Declaration of independence and the United States Constitution, two of the most important documents in American history. Gettysburg National Park, located in southern Pennsylvania, was the site of the largest battle ever fought on American soil. The majority of Pennsylvania is covered by the Appalachian Mountains and foothills. Pennsylvania is the only state in the Mid-Atlantic region without beaches. It borders five states: New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and Ohio. Pennsylvania's capital is Harrisburg and Philadelphia is its largest city. The city of Pittsburgh is located in western Pennsylvania, where the Ohio River is formed. Nearly thirteen million people live in Pennsylvania, making it the fifth most populous state in America.

Which facts belong in each category?

<b>The Ohio River is formed here</b>
<b>Capital is Annapolis</b>
<b>Was one of the original 13 colonies</b>
<b>Borders West Virginia</b>
<b>Became a state first</b>
<b>Has beaches</b>
<b>Borders more states</b>
<b>Located in the southeastern United States</b>
<b>Called the Old Line State</b>
<b>Baltimore is its largest city</b>

<b>Maryland</b>
<b>Both</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>
<b>Neither</b>

**Answers:**

**Maryland**

**Capital is Annapolis  
Largest city is Baltimore  
Has beaches  
Called the Old Line State**

**Both**

**Was one of the original 13 colonies  
Borders West Virginia**

**Pennsylvania**

**The Ohio River is formed here  
Became a state first  
Borders more states**

**Neither**

**Located in the southeastern United States**