The University System of Maryland (USM) is the state’s public higher education system, consisting of eleven universities, two regional higher education centers, and one environmental research center.

USM COMPRIS:
1. Frostburg State University
2. University System of Maryland at Hagerstown
3. Coppin State University
4. University of Baltimore
5. Towson University
6. University of Maryland, Baltimore
7. University System Office Headquarters
8. University of Maryland, Baltimore County
9. Universities at Shady Grove
10. University of Maryland University College
11. Bowie State University
12. University of Maryland, College Park
13. University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Headquarters
14. Salisbury University
15. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
With more than 176,000 students and 42,000 graduates each year, Maryland’s public university system produces nearly 75 percent of the state’s bachelor’s degrees. As this report shows, we have increased enrollment, improved graduation rates, kept tuition affordable, and become more diverse than ever before. We are also among the state’s primary economic engines, producing a talented workforce—particularly in fields like STEM and healthcare—attracting approximately $1.4 billion in external research funding to Maryland annually, and creating close to 100 new companies each year.

Moving forward, we will continue to partner with state officials, the business community, and organizations and individuals statewide to fulfill USM’s mission of graduating educated, enlightened citizens who are ready to go to work in all facets of life to make their lives, their communities, this state, and our nation better.

LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Robert L. Caret
USM annually awards 75% or more of all bachelor’s degrees in Maryland, with 42,005 total degrees (associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctorates) awarded in FY 2018.
176,423
Total enrolled students in Fall 2018. USM enrolled 99% of all students attending Maryland’s public, four-year institutions.

39%
Increase in bachelor’s degree production since FY 2009. USM produced 26,558 bachelor’s degrees in FY 2018.

23%
Increase in enrollment since FY 2009.
Affordable Education

Average undergraduate tuition for full-time, in-state students, once ranked sixth most expensive, now ranks 21st nationally. Nearly 50% of USM undergraduate students graduate without debt.

$58 MILLION


$148 MILLION
Students impacted through USM’s Maryland Open Source Textbook (M.O.S.T.) initiative. M.O.S.T. has supported the replacement of traditional textbooks with open educational resources (OER) in 113 different courses at 24 public higher education institutions across the state.

39,000 Students impacted

$6.3 MILLION Cumulative cost savings from the M.O.S.T. initiative.
80% of USM graduates stay in Maryland. With an estimated 500,000 alumni statewide, USM contributes a powerful alumni base for the state.
Volunteer service contributed to Maryland communities through cultural programs, legal and medical clinics, partnerships with public schools and the business community, and other initiatives.
In Fall 2018, underrepresented minority students (defined as African American/Black, Hispanic, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian) and other minority students (defined as Asian and multiple races) comprised 37.5% and 13.2%, respectively, of USM’s undergraduate population. As such, nearly 50% of USM’s undergraduates were from underrepresented and other minority populations.
8,001 Bachelor’s degrees awarded to underrepresented minority students in FY 2018.

27% Increase in STEM bachelor’s degrees earned annually by underrepresented minority students since FY 2016.

21% Increase in bachelor’s degrees in healthcare fields earned annually by underrepresented minority students since FY 2016.
USM has generated more than 600 new startup companies since FY 2011.
$10 MILLION

In funding contributed by the Maryland Momentum Fund, USM’s venture capital fund, to provide early investment for USM-affiliated startup companies. $792,500 of that has been invested in 3 startups so far, with more than $2 million raised in matching funds.
Awarded 11,115 STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degrees in FY 2018, including 7,518 undergraduate degrees. This enhances Maryland's ability to thrive and compete in these high-demand fields.
3,695 Healthcare professions degrees awarded in FY 2018.

6,761 Cyber degrees awarded in FY 2018.

70% of teacher candidates graduating from Maryland Approved Programs are from USM institutions.
USM has maintained favorable debt ratings from bond-rating agencies, including a rating of Aa1 from Moody’s Investors Service. USM is one of only 26 public higher education institutions to earn one of Moody’s top two ratings.
$408 MILLION raised in private funds in FY 2018, an all-time high.

$595 MILLION saved through USM’s Effectiveness and Efficiency initiatives since 2004.
Last year, USM recycled more than 43% of its generated waste—the highest of any major agency in the state. The statewide average for the same year was just 30%.
70 BUILDINGS

with environmentally sustainable status. System-wide, USM has constructed (or has in development) more than 70 buildings equivalent to LEED-certified “Silver” or higher.
Edx/USMx is offering several programs and courses with more than 270,000 course enrollments.
Nine USM institutions participate in the Badging Essential Skills for Transitions (B.E.S.T.) initiative, which is designed to more clearly communicate graduates’ career-ready skills to employers in eight areas—Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Globalism, Interculturalism, Leadership, Problem Solving, and Professionalism.
USM increased externally sponsored R&D funding by 10.4% over FY 2017, totaling $1.43 billion.
All USM institutions have been ranked among the nation’s best by such publications as U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger, The Princeton Review, Washington Monthly, and others.