

**Table 1: Principal Farm Operators by Age Distribution, 2022**

	All Principal Operators	Under 25 Years		25 to 34 Years		35 to 44 Years		45 to 54 Years		55 to 64 Years		64 to 74 Years	
		Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>19,097</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>3,545</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>6,293</b>	<b>33.0%</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
<b>BALTIMORE REGION</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
Anne Arundel	726	28	0.1%	65	0.3%	93	0.5%	158	0.8%	267	1.4%	171	0.9%
Baltimore	1,885	24	0.1%	119	0.6%	176	0.9%	246	1.3%	353	1.8%	364	1.9%
Carroll	978	36	0.2%	137	0.7%	316	1.7%	336	1.8%	581	3.0%	514	2.7%
Harford	540	17	0.1%	70	0.4%	153	0.8%	165	0.9%	313	1.6%	276	1.4%
Howard	1,195	32	0.2%	39	0.2%	79	0.4%	106	0.6%	183	1.0%	165	0.9%
<b>WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
Frederick	2,185	97	0.5%	179	0.9%	309	1.6%	455	2.4%	708	3.7%	646	3.4%
Montgomery	935	33	0.2%	83	0.4%	150	0.8%	149	0.8%	378	2.0%	268	1.4%
Prince George's	552	8	0.0%	57	0.3%	56	0.3%	97	0.5%	213	1.1%	149	0.8%
<b>SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Calvert	433	12	0.1%	51	0.3%	31	0.2%	63	0.3%	170	0.9%	149	0.8%
Charles	562	22	0.1%	58	0.3%	98	0.5%	82	0.4%	207	1.1%	153	0.8%
St. Mary's	967	48	0.3%	124	0.6%	128	0.7%	181	0.9%	339	1.8%	253	1.3%
<b>WESTERN MARYLAND REGION</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Allegany	404	2	0.0%	31	0.2%	34	0.2%	66	0.3%	143	0.7%	113	0.6%
Garrett	988	64	0.3%	104	0.5%	169	0.9%	216	1.1%	289	1.5%	234	1.2%
Washington	1,348	65	0.3%	151	0.8%	254	1.3%	252	1.3%	384	2.0%	332	1.7%
<b>UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
Caroline	770	11	0.1%	41	0.2%	116	0.6%	138	0.7%	232	1.2%	208	1.1%
Cecil	875	31	0.2%	93	0.5%	138	0.7%	160	0.8%	267	1.4%	237	1.2%
Kent	584	16	0.1%	40	0.2%	70	0.4%	118	0.6%	178	0.9%	209	1.1%
Queen Anne's	770	8	0.0%	75	0.4%	90	0.5%	158	0.8%	257	1.3%	220	1.2%
Talbot	485	21	0.1%	23	0.1%	49	0.3%	82	0.4%	180	0.9%	207	1.1%
<b>LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Dorchester	520	4	0.0%	66	0.3%	59	0.3%	103	0.5%	172	0.9%	156	0.8%
Somerset	334	8	0.0%	22	0.1%	23	0.1%	41	0.2%	112	0.6%	122	0.6%
Wicomico	545	1	0.0%	33	0.2%	40	0.2%	88	0.5%	207	1.1%	141	0.7%
Worcester	516	12	0.1%	40	0.2%	90	0.5%	85	0.4%	160	0.8%	144	0.8%

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	74 Years and Over		Average Age									
	Number	Pct	2002	Rank	2007	Rank	2012	Rank	2017	Rank	2022	Rank
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>3,216</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BALTIMORE REGION</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Anne Arundel	121	0.6%	57.0	7	59.4	4	61.2	4	58.3	7	57.1	17
Baltimore	196	1.0%	58.5	2	58.8	6	61.0	5	58.5	6	58	13
Carroll	286	1.5%	55.0	18	57.2	15	58.4	18	57.1	16	57.8	15
Harford	196	1.0%	56.5	11	57.1	16	59.6	13	57.4	15	58.9	10
Howard	122	0.6%	56.5	10	58.3	9	60.8	6	60.0	1	58.6	12
<b>WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Frederick	289	1.5%	56.0	14	57.4	14	58.9	16	56.5	20	56.8	19
Montgomery	135	0.7%	57.4	4	60.0	1	60.6	7	57.5	13	57.5	16
Prince George's	102	0.5%	59.4	1	59.6	3	60.4	8	57.5	14	59.3	9
<b>SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Calvert	46	0.2%	57.6	3	58.3	8	60.0	11	56.8	17	58	14
Charles	84	0.4%	56.7	9	59.4	5	58.0	20	56.8	18	57	18
St. Mary's	121	0.6%	54.3	21	58.3	10	54.5	23	55.0	21	55.5	21
<b>WESTERN MARYLAND REGION</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Allegany	75	0.4%	56.2	12	56.7	17	59.5	14	58.0	8	60.4	5
Garrett	155	0.8%	52.6	23	54.6	21	55.8	21	54.5	22	55.3	22
Washington	165	0.9%	53.6	22	54.3	22	55.5	22	52.1	23	54.5	23
<b>UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Caroline	154	0.8%	54.9	19	56.2	19	58.6	17	58.0	9	59.5	6
Cecil	122	0.6%	57.3	5	56.6	18	59.3	15	56.8	19	56	20
Kent	185	1.0%	57.1	6	59.6	2	62.3	1	59.8	2	61.3	3
Queen Anne's	160	0.8%	55.1	16	57.9	11	60.4	8	57.6	11	59.4	7
Talbot	110	0.6%	55.6	15	58.5	7	62.0	2	59.5	3	61.3	4
<b>LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Dorchester	92	0.5%	56.0	13	57.6	12	61.4	3	58.7	4	58.7	11
Somerset	69	0.4%	55.1	17	54.2	23	60.2	10	57.6	12	61.7	1
Wicomico	108	0.6%	54.9	20	55.9	20	58.3	19	58.0	10	61.4	2
Worcester	123	0.6%	56.8	8	57.6	13	59.8	12	58.6	5	59.4	8

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