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## **WTOP.COM**

Port of Baltimore has 1 millionth cruise passenger  
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BALTIMORE (AP) - The Port of Baltimore has seen its 1 millionth passenger sail on a cruise ship.

State officials said Wednesday that more than a million passenger have taken a cruise from the port through Nov. 1. The cruise terminal opened in 2006.

Before the cruise terminal opened, cruise operations were housed at the Dundalk Marine Terminal.

## **AAPA ADVISORY**

Baltimore Cruise Terminal Surpasses One Million Passengers  
December 17, 2012

Within the past month, the Port of Baltimore hosted the one millionth cruise passenger to sail from its South Locust Point cruise terminal. Through November, 1,013,735 passengers have taken a cruise from the cruise terminal since its opening on May 12, 2006 (Advisory, May 15, 2006).

The fully dedicated cruise facility was a major step forward for the port's cruise operations. Previously, cruise operations were housed at a cargo facility, Dundalk Marine Terminal. The current cruise terminal is separated from any cargo activities. It is located 2.5 miles from downtown Baltimore, 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, 20 miles from Annapolis, and 40 miles from Washington, DC.

Baltimore's cruise passenger count grew from just 59,347 in 2006 to a record 251,889 last year. This year 220,955 passengers had sailed from the port through November 25.

Last year, the Cruise Maryland Terminal began using a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled enclosed passenger boarding bridge. The bridge is mobile and flexible to be able to accommodate various sized cruise ships.

Baltimore's cruise business generates approximately 220 jobs and an economic impact statewide of about \$90 million annually, according to data cited by the Maryland Port Administration.

Carnival Cruise Lines and Royal Caribbean International offer year-round schedules from Baltimore. Carnival signed a five-year extension in 2011 to continue offering year-round cruises from Baltimore onboard the Carnival Pride to the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Caribbean.

Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas, sails from Baltimore to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Caribbean, and New England/Canada, will be replaced this April by a newly renovated Grandeur of the Seas.

### **DUNDALK.PATCH.COM**

One Million Passengers Sail From Baltimore Cruise Terminal

The Maryland Port Administration celebrates the milestone reached by the dedicated cruise terminal opened in 2006.

By Marge Neal Email

December 13, 2012

Just six years after opening a cruise ship terminal—and four years after going to a year-round cruise schedule—the Port of Baltimore has served more than 1 million cruise passengers.

Through November, 1,013,735 passengers have set sail from the port's South Locust Point cruise terminal since it opened in 2006, according to a statement from the Maryland Port Administration.

The terminal opened on May 12, 2006. The first ship to leave the facility was the Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, which set sail for a nine-night excursion to the Caribbean, according to the statement.

"In just a short amount of time, the Port of Baltimore has established itself as one of the busiest cruise ports in the U.S.," Gov. Martin O'Malley said in the statement. "Since launching a year-round cruising schedule in 2009, the port has gone from averaging 30 cruises per year to approximately 100."

Before the dedicated cruise ship terminal was built, cruise operations were housed at the Dundalk Marine Terminal, a busy, heavy industrial cargo facility.

The dedicated cruise facility, easily accessible from downtown Baltimore and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, is just 20 miles from Annapolis and 40 miles from Washington, D.C. It is separate from any cargo facilities, according to the statement.

In its first year of dedicated cruise ship operation, the terminal served 59,347 passengers. In 2011, it served a record 251,889 passengers.

The Port of Baltimore in 2011 was ranked fifth among East Coast cruise ports, 11th among all U.S. cruise ports and 20th in the world, according to the statement.

Through Nov. 25, the cruise terminal has served 220,955 passengers this year.

### **WASHINGTON POST**

Port of Baltimore has 1 millionth cruise passenger sail since facility opened  
By Associated Press, Published: December 12

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### **BALTIMORE SUN**

Port of Baltimore has 1 millionth cruise passenger  
Associated Press  
8:20 p.m. EST, December 12, 2012

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### **MARYLAND DAILY RECORD**

Cruise passengers top 1 million at Port of Baltimore  
2:11 pm Wed, December 12, 2012  
Posted: 2:11 pm Wed, December 12, 2012  
By Alexander Pyles

More than one million cruise passengers have sailed from the Port of Baltimore since the cruise terminal opened in 2006.

The Maryland Port Administration announced Wednesday that 1,013,735 passengers have taken a cruise since a nine-night trip to the Caribbean on-board Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas set sail May 12, 2006.

The administration estimates the port's cruise business has an annual economic impact of \$90 million for the state.

Business has steadily grown since 2006, when 59,347 passengers sailed. Last year, 251,889 boarded cruise ships at the Port of Baltimore — fifth-most among East Coast ports and 11th-most among those in the United States.

Almost 221,000 passengers have sailed from Baltimore as of Nov. 25 this year.

Port Executive Director James J. White said in October that cruise business was unlikely to grow significantly in at the port because the 100-year-old cruise terminal was at capacity. The terminal needs to be replaced within the next 20 years, making it unlikely the Port will find the money to build a second cruise terminal.

Carnival Cruise Lines signed a five-year extension in 2011 to sail weekly out of Baltimore. Royal Caribbean is committed to a weekly trip through mid-2014. Both are packing their ships to their 2,200-passenger capacity, White said.

## **BALTIMORE BUSINESS JOURNAL**

Port of Baltimore cruise passengers top 1 million

Baltimore Business Journal by Ryan Sharrow, New Media Editor

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 2:13pm EST

The Port of Baltimore recently surpassed a million cruise passengers since voyages began out of the South Locust Point cruise terminal in 2006.

Some 1,013,735 passengers have traveled out of the terminal since Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas became the first cruise to sail out of Locust Point on May 12, 2006.

The number of passengers that have traveled from the Port of Baltimore has rose 59,347 in 2006 to a record 251,889 in 2012. Last year, the Port of Baltimore ranked fifth for cruise passengers among East Coast cruise ports and 11th among all U.S. cruise ports. Through Nov. 25 of this year, 220,955 passengers had sailed from the port.

## **WBAL.COM**

Port of Baltimore Reaches New Record  
Wednesday, December 12, 2012  
Phil Yacuboski

More than one million people have gone through the Port of Baltimore as cruise ship passengers, officials with the Port said Wednesday.

Cruise ships began leaving the Port of Baltimore in 2006.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Dr. Allan Miller, travel and marketing professor at Towson University. "I've seen people come from as far away as Massachusetts and South Carolina to use the Port."

In 2011, the Port ranked fifth for cruise passengers among east coast ports; 11th in the U.S. and 20th nationwide.

Dr. Miller said convenience is key and one of the main reasons people enjoy leaving from here.

"It's a very efficient cruise port," he said. "Leaving the ship is the easiest I've ever seen at any cruise port."

He also said that many people like the smaller ships that sail out of Baltimore, making it an attractive place for cruise travelers.

"Many people like the smaller and medium sized ships and if you don't want the big ships, this is the place to come to," he said.

The state said Wednesday the cruise ship industry gives jobs to about 200 people annually and puts about \$90 million into the economy.

## **FOXBALTIMORE.COM**

Millionth Cruise Passenger Passes Through Port of Baltimore  
Wednesday, December 12 2012, 10:09 PM EST

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## **ABC 2 NEWS**

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## **CRUISE-ADDICTS.COM**

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## **MYFOXDC.COM**

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Dec 12, 2012 8:16 PM EST

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## **CRUISE INDUSTRY NEWS**

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passengers have taken a cruise from Maryland since the cruise terminal, located immediately adjacent to Interstate 95 in Baltimore, opened its doors for the first time on May 12, 2006 for a nine-night excursion to the Caribbean onboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas.

"In just a short amount of time, the Port of Baltimore has established itself as one of the busiest cruise ports in the U.S.," said Governor O'Malley. "Since launching a year-round cruising schedule in 2009, the port has gone from averaging 30 cruises per year to approximately 100. We remain committed to providing excellent service to our cruise customers in order to build on the strong momentum at the Port of Baltimore."

The opening of the cruise terminal in 2006 as a fully-dedicated cruise facility was a major step forward for the port's cruise operations. During previous years, cruise operations were housed at the busy Dundalk Marine Terminal, a heavy, industrial cargo facility.

The current cruise terminal is separated from any cargo activities. It is located 2.5 miles from downtown Baltimore, 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, 20 miles from Annapolis, and 40 miles from Washington, DC.

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Last year the Port of Baltimore began using a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled enclosed passenger boarding bridge. The bridge is mobile and flexible to be able to accommodate various sized cruise ships.

The total economic value to the State of Maryland of cruising from the Port of Baltimore is about \$90 million. Approximately 220 direct jobs in Maryland are generated by cruise activity.

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The Grandeur of the Seas recently completed a nearly \$50 million revitalization that includes new dining, entertainment and technology upgrades that are only available on its two largest class ships.

Baltimore is within a six hour drive of 40 million people. It is the closest East Coast drive-to port from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Chicago and is within a three-hour drive from the New York City metro area. The Cruise Maryland terminal is 2.5 miles from Baltimore's world famous Inner Harbor and 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Maryland's median household income of \$68,845 is the highest in the U.S. Baltimore is also located within a four-hour drive of eight of the ten wealthiest counties in the U.S.