

# The Economic Impact of THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY

Horse Industry Wages  
**\$1.1 billion**



Total Economic Impact  
**\$2.9 billion**

Jobs Supported  
**28,134**



Total Impact on GDP  
**\$1.77 billion**

Direct Impact on GDP  
**\$1.05 billion**



~**95,000** horses  
~**800** licensed stables  
~**38,000** volunteers  
*717,611 horse enthusiasts*  
*(30.4% of all MD households)*



## Thoroughbred Racing

**\$591 million** total impact  
**5,937** jobs  
*3 tracks*  
*1 Triple Crown race*

## Recreational Riding

**\$421 million** total impact  
**4,560** jobs  
*10% of MD households trail ride*  
*6% of MD households take lessons*



## Sport Horse Competition

**\$370 million** total impact  
**4,154** jobs  
*4 international competitions*  
*>11 sanctioned venues*

## Harness Racing

**\$278 million** total impact  
**3,616** jobs  
*2 tracks and 1 casino*  
*24 stallions standing*





## Equine-Assisted Services

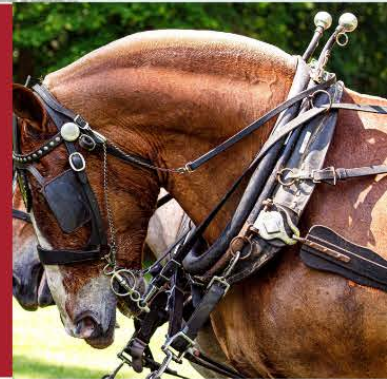
**\$36 million** total impact  
**263 jobs**

*67 licensed EAS operations  
~335 horses in EAS use*

## Traditional Working Horses

**\$19 million** total impact  
**229 jobs**

*Amish & Mennonite communities  
Draft horse pull and harness shows*



## Rescues & Sanctuaries

**\$3.16 million** total impact  
**52 jobs**

*58 licensed rescues  
~\$1.8 total wages*



**19.4%** of all MD households participate in horse activities

**9.8%** of all MD households spectate at horse events

**45%** of US horse owners earn <\$100k/year\*

**Median age of MD horse owners: 38**

**Median age of MD spectators: 26**

*\*MD 2022 median income = \$108,200*

