

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Data Updated 3/18/2026. Total estimated commercial blue crab harvest by year and type of crab. The estimate is calculated using actual reported harvest as submitted to the department on monthly crab reports and the reporting compliance rate used to estimate harvest not reported. The reporting compliance rate is the percent of reports submitted to the department divided by the number of reports expected to be submitted. An average harvest rate is used for commercially licensed harvesters that did not submit the required reports. Data may change in the future as additional harvest reports are submitted to the department. Estimated dockside value is calculated by the average dollar per pound multiplied by the total pounds. Price per pound information is supplied on seafood dealer monthly harvest reports.

Calendar Year	Total Pounds Harvested (millions)	Total Estimated Dockside Value (millions \$)	Total Pounds (Millions) by Market Category				
			# 1 Males	# 2 Males	Females	Cull	Soft & Peelers
2000	21.66	\$30.08	8.21	1.65	8.55	1.85	1.39
2001	24.55	\$33.65	9.63	2.07	8.67	2.47	1.71
2002	25.01	\$29.45	10.19	1.87	9.41	2.3	1.24
2003	26.43	\$33.73	10.11	2.12	10.52	2.09	1.59
2004	33.77	\$40.34	15.33	3.16	10.98	2.78	1.53
2005	32.06	\$38.15	12.84	3.26	11.72	2.97	1.26
2006	29.02	\$31.48	11.3	3.01	10.74	2.82	1.14
2007	25.84	\$37.14	10	2.44	10.13	2.15	1.13
2008	43.57	\$61.78	17.23	5.53	15.9	2.99	1.91
2009	42.79	\$58.42	16.83	5.79	15.76	2.75	1.68
2010	59.88	\$68.96	23.51	11.36	19.5	3.77	1.74
2011	50.24	\$58.93	19	7.47	17.55	4.63	1.6
2012	41.74	\$56.63	14.26	6.49	14.88	4.41	1.7
2013	25.56	\$51.73	10.12	2.38	9.02	2.76	1.29
2014	25.82	\$52.63	10.12	2.43	8.99	2.7	1.57
2015	33.11	\$58.88	13.24	4.06	10.1	4.14	1.57
2016	38.24	\$57.53	16.01	4.88	11.37	4.53	1.45
2017	33.43	\$53.21	13.39	3.7	11.2	3.74	1.41
2018	34.15	\$55.08	14.39	4.28	10.8	3.34	1.34
2019	33.69	\$55.92	13.61	4.15	11.38	3.33	1.22
2020	28.72	\$57.01	11.35	3.33	10.23	3.01	0.81
2021	22.89	\$57.46	9.14	2.4	8.03	2.69	0.63
2022	22.87	\$48.91	8.99	2.24	8.35	2.64	0.65
2023	24.23	\$52.95	10.22	2.43	8.29	2.6	0.71
2024	24.86	\$48.33	9.72	2.57	9.57	2.41	0.59
2025	23.94	\$51.03	9.58	2.83	8.44	2.62	0.49