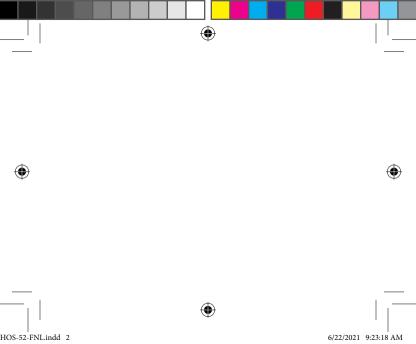


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Alabama is the only state in the country that contains all of the major natural resources needed to make iron and steel. It is also the largest supplier of cast-iron and steel pipe products.

Capital: Montgomery

Date Admitted to the Union: December 14, 1819

Total Area: 52,420 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 4,833,722 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Yellowhammer

State Flower: Camellia

State Motto: Audemus Jura Nostra Defendere (We Dare Defend Our Rights)

State Nickname: Yellowhammer State

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Alaska has 17 of the 20 highest peaks in the United States. Mt. McKinley is the highest peak in North America at 20,320 feet above sea level. Denali, the native name for the mountain, means "The Great One."

Capital: Juneau

Date Admitted to the Union: January 3, 1959

Total Area: 665,384 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

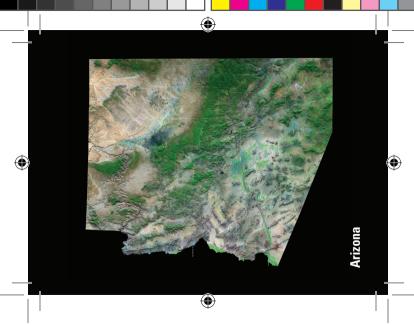
Population: 735,132 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Willow Ptarmigan

State Flower: Alpine Forget-Me-Not State Motto: North to the Future State Nickname: The Last Frontier

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Arizona is blessed with many natural wonders including the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell/Rainbow Bridge, Petrified Forest/Painted Desert, Monument Valley, Meteor Crater, and Superstition Mountain.

Capital: Phoenix

Date Admitted to the Union: February 14,1912

Total Area: 113,990 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 6,626,624 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cactus Wren

State Flower: Saguaro Cactus

State Motto: Ditat Deus (God Enriches)

State Nickname: Grand Canyon State

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Arkansas, officially "The Natural State," is a state of mountains, valleys, dense woodland and fertile plains. Its clear lakes and streams and abundant wildlife help to make tourism one of the state's most important industries.

Capital: Little Rock

Date Admitted to the Union: June 15, 1836

Total Area: 53,179 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 2,959,373 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Mockingbird

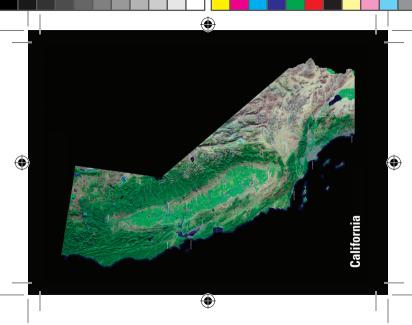
State Flower: Apple Blossom

State Motto: Regnat Populus (The People Rule)

State Nickname: Natural State

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The highest and lowest points in the continental United States are located within 100 miles of each other in California: Mount Whitney (14,494 feet) and Death Valley (282 feet below sea level).

Capital: Sacramento

Date Admitted to the Union: September 9, 1850

Total Area: 163,695 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 38,332,521 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: California Quail

State Flower: California Poppy State Motto: Eureka (I have found it)

State Nickname: Golden State

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Denver, the capital of Colorado, is known as the "Mile High City." The thirteenth step of the capitol building is exactly one mile (5,280 feet) above sea level.

Capital: Denver

Date Admitted to the Union: August 1, 1876

Total Area: 104,094 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 5,268,367 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Lark Bunting

State Flower: Rocky Mountain Columbine

State Motto: Nil Sine Numine (Nothing Without the Deity)

State Nickname: Centennial State

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Groton, Connecticut is home to the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered ship and the first to reach the North Pole, a feat accomplished in 1958. The Nautilus is on display at the Submarine Force Museum.

Capital: Hartford

Date Admitted to the Union: January 9, 1788

Total Area: 5,543 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 3,596,080 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Robin

State Flower: Mountain Laurel

State Motto: Qui transtulit sustinet (He who transplanted still sustains)

State Nickname: Constitution State

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Delaware is known as the "First State," because it was the first of the original thirteen colonies to ratify the United States Constitution.

Capital: Dover

Date Admitted to the Union: December 7, 1787

Total Area: 2,489 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 925,749 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Blue Hen Chicken State Flower: Peach Blossom State Motto: Liberty and Independence

State Nickname: First State

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Founded by the Spanish in 1565, St. Augustine, Florida is the oldest settlement of European origin in the United States. The Spanish fortress of Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine was built from 1672-1695 and is made of coquina, a soft, impact-absorbing stone composed of sea shells.

Capital: Tallahassee

Date Admitted to the Union: March 3, 1845

Total Area: 65,758 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 19,552,860 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Mockingbird

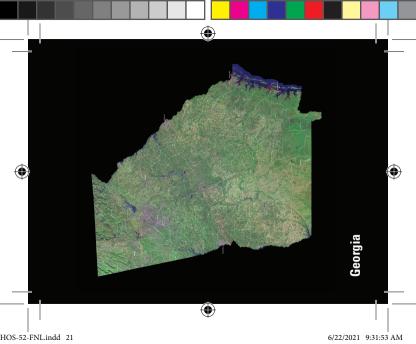
State Flower: Orange Blossom State Motto: In God we trust

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State Nickname: Sunshine State

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Georgia is home to Okefenokee Swamp, a unique area of primitive wetland that provides sanctuary for hundreds of species of birds and wildlife, including several endangered species.

Capital: Atlanta

Date Admitted to the Union: January 2, 1788

Total Area: 59,425 square miles (source: 2010 Census) Population: 9,992,167 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

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State Flower: Cherokee Rose

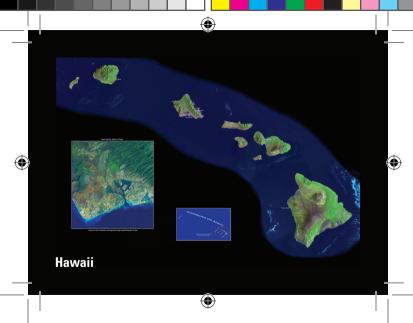
State Motto: Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation

State Nickname: Peach State

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The state of Hawaii consists of eight main islands: Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui, and Hawaii. From east to west, Hawaii is the widest state in the country.

Capital: Honolulu

Date Admitted to the Union: August 21, 1959

Total Area: 10,932 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 1,404,054 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Nene (Hawai'ian Goose)

State Flower: Yellow Hibiscus or Pua Aloalo

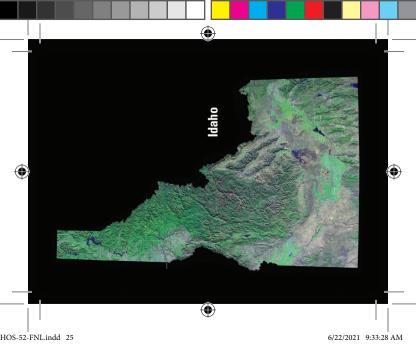
State Motto: Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono (The life of the land is perpetuated

in righteousness)

State Nickname: Aloha State

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Idaho grows more potatoes than any other U.S. growing region, annually producing about 30 percent of U.S. fall production. Warm, sunny days, cool nights, and water from melting snow in nearby mountains make the perfect combination for growing them.

Capital: Boise

Date Admitted to the Union: July 3, 1890

Total Area: 83,569 square miles (source: 2010 Census) Population: 1.612.136 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

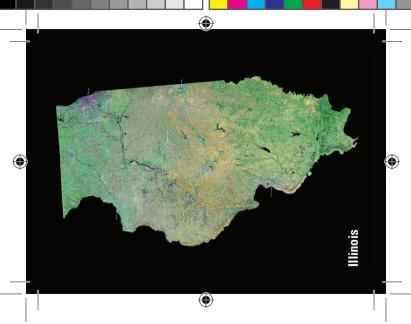
State Bird: Mountain Bluebird

State Flower: Syringa State Motto: Esto perpetua (Let it be perpetual)

State Nickname: Gem State

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Before Abraham Lincoln was elected President, he served in the Illinois legislature and practiced law in Springfield. Lincoln is buried just outside Springfield at the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site.

Capital: Springfield

Date Admitted to the Union: December 3, 1818

Total Area: 57,914 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 12,882,135 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

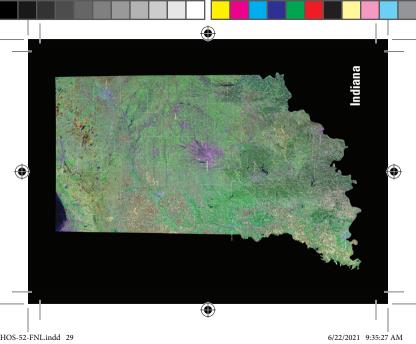
State Bird: Cardinal State Flower: Violet

State Motto: State Sovereignty, National Union

State Nickname: Prairie State

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More major highways intersect in Indiana than in any other state, therefore, it is known as "The Crossroads of America." Indiana also has more miles of Interstate Highway per square mile than any other state.

Capital: Indianapolis

Date Admitted to the Union: December 11, 1816

Total Area: 36,420 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 6,570,902 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

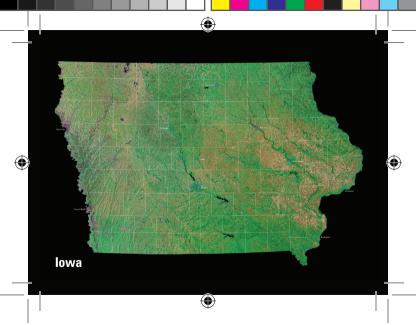
State Flower: Peony

State Motto: The Crossroads of America

State Nickname: Hoosier State

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lowa gets its name from an Indian word meaning "land between two rivers." It is the only state whose east and west borders are entirely formed by water: the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Capital: Des Moines

Date Admitted to the Union: December 28, 1846

Total Area: 56,273 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 3,090,416 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch State Flower: Wild Prairie Rose

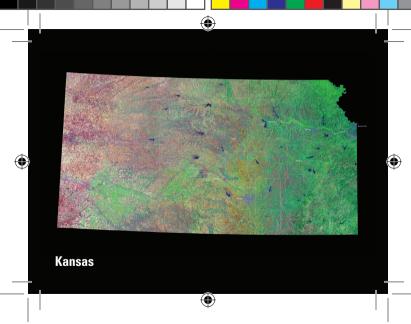
State Motto: Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain

State Nickname: Hawkeye State

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Located just southeast of Osborne, Kansas, is the Geodetic Center of North America. The Geodetic Center is the initial point upon which all North American surveys, deeds, and maps are based.

Capital: Topeka

Date Admitted to the Union: January 29, 1861

Total Area: 82,278 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 2,893,957 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark

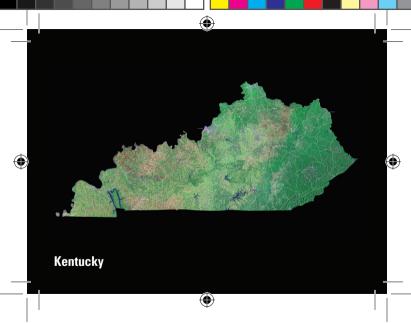
State Flower: Sunflower

State Motto: Ad Astra Per Aspera (To the stars through difficulties)

State Nickname: Sunflower State

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Mammoth Cave, Kentucky is the world's longest cave system, with more than 400 miles explored. Tours of Mammoth Cave have been given since 1816.

Capital: Frankfort

Date Admitted to the Union: June 1, 1792

Total Area: 40,408 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 4,395,295 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

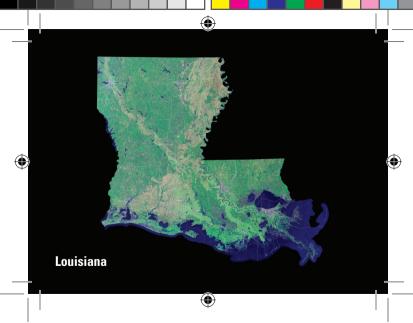
State Flower: Goldenrod

State Motto: United We Stand, Divided We Fall

State Nickname: Bluegrass State

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Louisiana is the only state with a large population of Cajuns, descendants of the Acadians who were driven out of Canada in the 1700s because they would not pledge allegiance to the King of England.

Capital: Baton Rouge

Date Admitted to the Union: April 30, 1812

Total Area: 52,378 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 4,625,470 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Eastern Brown Pelican

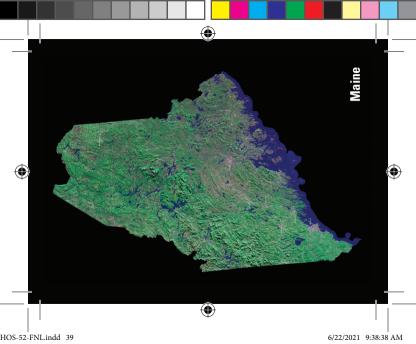
State Flower: Magnolia

State Motto: Union, Justice, Confidence

State Nickname: Pelican State

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The West Quoddy Head Lighthouse in Lubec, Maine is the easternmost point in the 48 conterminous states. The first structure was built in 1808 by order of President Thomas Jefferson. The current brick lighthouse was built in 1858.

Capital: Augusta

Date Admitted to the Union: March 15, 1820

Total Area: 35,380 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 1,328,302 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Chickadee

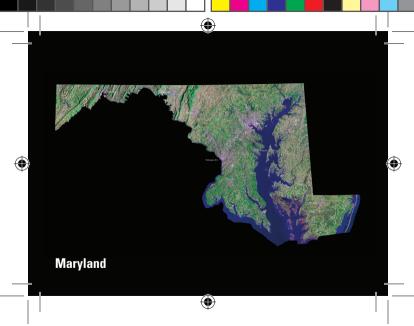
State Flower: White pine cone and tassel

State Motto: Dirigo (I direct)

State Nickname: Pine Tree State

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Forests cover approximately 2.6 million acres, or 41 percent, of Maryland's land surface. Oak and hickory are the dominant hardwood or deciduous forest types, and loblolly pine is the most prevalent softwood.

Capital: Annapolis

Date Admitted to the Union: April 28, 1788

Total Area: 12,406 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 5,928,814 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

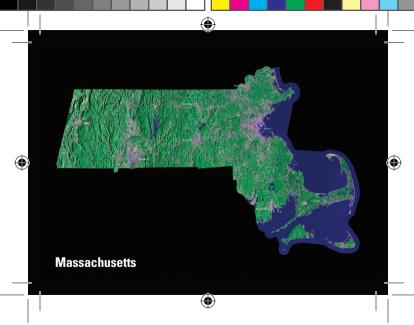
State Bird: Baltimore Oriole State Flower: Black-Eyed Susan

State Motto: Fatti Maschii Parole Femine (Manly Deeds, Womanly Words)

State Nickname: Old Line State

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Plymouth Rock is the legendary stepping stone of the Pilgrims' arrival in what is now Massachusetts. It sits on the shore of Plymouth Harbor at Pilgrim Memorial State Park and is actually no bigger than a coffee table.

Capital: Boston

Date Admitted to the Union: February 6, 1788

Total Area: 10,554 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 6,692,824 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Chickadee

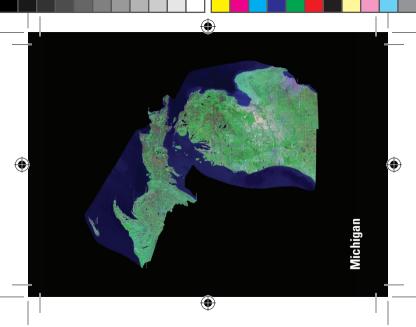
State Flower: Trailing-Arbutus

State Motto: Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem (By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty)

State Nickname: Bay State

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The Mackinac Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. It connects the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan and spans five miles over the Straits of Mackinac, where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet.

Capital: Lansing

Date Admitted to the Union: January 26, 1837

Total Area: 96,714 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 9,895,622 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Robin

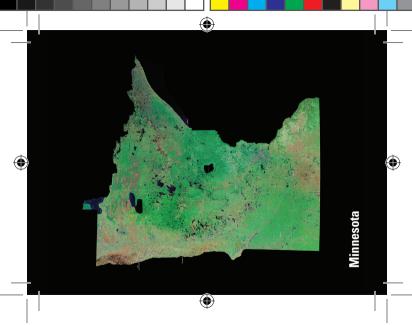
State Flower: Apple Blossom

State Motto: Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam, Circumspice (If you seek a pleasant peninsula. look about you)

State Nickname: Wolverine State

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Minnesota has more shoreline than California, Florida, and Hawaii combined. It is sometimes called the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," but it actually has 12,000 lakes, three-fourths of which are four hectares (10 acres) or more in size.

Capital: Saint Paul

Date Admitted to the Union: May 11, 1858

Total Area: 86,936 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 5,420,380 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Common loon

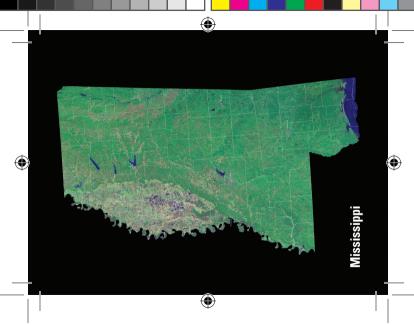
State Flower: Pink and White Lady's Slipper

State Motto: L'etoile du Nord (Star of the North)

State Nickname: North Star State

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Hernando DeSoto, a Spanish explorer, discovered the Mississippi River in 1540. It is the largest river in the United States and is the country's chief waterway. Its nickname is "Old Man River."

Capital: Jackson

Date Admitted to the Union: December 10, 1817

Total Area: 48,432 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 2,991,207 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Mockingbird

State Flower: Magnolia

State Motto: Virtute et Armis (By Valor and Arms)

State Nickname: Magnolia State

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The largest earthquake ever recorded in the continental United States occurred near New Madrid, Missouri, in 1812. The quake shook more than one million square miles and was felt as far as 1,000 miles away.

Capital: Jefferson City

Date Admitted to the Union: August 10, 1821

Total Area: 69,707 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 6,044,171 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Bluebird

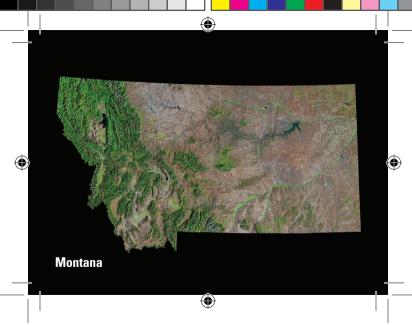
State Flower: Hawthorn

State Motto: Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto (Let the welfare of the People be the supreme law)

State Nickname: Show Me State

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With a total area of 147,040 square miles, Montana is the fourth largest state in the country. But it has the forty-fourth largest population. Montana has an average population density of seven people per square mile.

Capital: Helena

Date Admitted to the Union: November 8, 1889

Total Area: 147,040 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 1,015,165 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark

State Flower: Bitterroot

State Motto: Oro y Plata (Gold and Silver)

State Nickname: Treasure State

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Although once described as the "Great American Desert," Nebraska is now a breadbasket for the nation and much of the world. It ranks among the leading states in many agricultural production categories.

Capital: Lincoln

Date Admitted to the Union: March 1, 1867

Total Area: 77,348 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

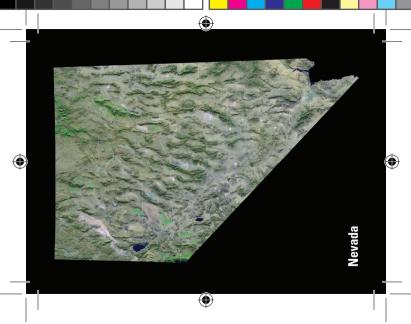
Population: 1,868,516 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
State Flower: Goldenrod

State Motto: Equality Before the Law State Nickname: Cornhusker State

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Nevada was the fastest growing state between 1990 and 2000, with a population growth rate of 66.3 percent. No other state topped 40 percent.

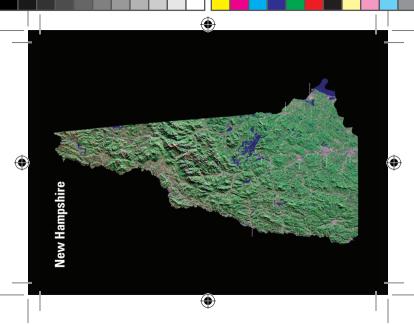
Capital: Carson City

Date Admitted to the Union: October 31, 1864
Total Area: 110,572 square miles (source: 2010 Census)
Population: 2,790,136 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Mountain Bluebird State Flower: Sagebrush State Motto: All for our country State Nickname: Silver State

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In 1934, the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire's White Mountains experienced a wind gust of 231 miles per hour, the highest surface wind speed ever recorded.

Capital: Concord

Date Admitted to the Union: June 21, 1788

Total Area: 9,349 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 1,323,459 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Purple Finch

State Flower: Purple Lilac

State Motto: Live free or die

State Nickname: Granite State

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Modern paleontology began with the 1858 discovery by William Parker Foulke at Haddonfield, New Jersey of the nearly complete skeleton of a dinosaur called Hadrosaurus.

Capital: Trenton

Date Admitted to the Union: December 18, 1787

Total Area: 8,723 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 8,899,339 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch

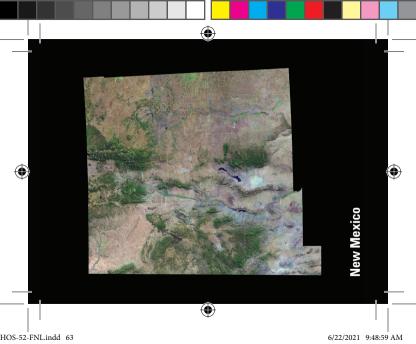
State Flower: Violet

State Motto: Liberty and prosperity

State Nickname: Garden State

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Lakes and rivers make up only 0.002 percent of New Mexico's total surface area—the lowest water-to-land ratio of all fifty states. Most of New Mexico's lakes are human-made reservoirs.

Capital: Santa Fe

Date Admitted to the Union: January 6, 1912

Total Area: 121,590 square miles (source: 2010 Census) Population: 2,085,287 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Roadrunner

State Flower: Yucca Flower

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State Motto: Crescit Eundo (It Grows As It Goes)

State Nickname: Land of Enchantment

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New York's Adirondack Park is the largest publicly-protected area in the conterminous United States, greater in size than Yellowstone, Everglades, Glacier, and Grand Canyon National Parks combined.

Capital: Albany

Date Admitted to the Union: July 26, 1788

Total Area: 54,555 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 19,651,127 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Bluebird State Flower: Rose

State Motto: Excelsior (Ever Upward)

State Nickname: Empire State

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Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first powered flight near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in 1903. The actual flight took place four miles away at the Kill Devil Hills, now the site of Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Capital: Raleigh

Date Admitted to the Union: November 21, 1789

Total Area: 53,819 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 9,848,060 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

State Flower: American Dogwood

State Motto: Esse quam videri (To be rather than to seem)

State Nickname: Tar Heel State

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Since 1931, Rugby, North Dakota, has been recognized as the geographical center of North America. A 15-foot tall rock obelisk, flanked by poles flying the United States and Canadian flags, marks the location.

Capital: Bismarck

Date Admitted to the Union: November 2, 1889

Total Area: 70,698 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 723,393 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark State Flower: Wild Prairie Rose

State Motto: Liberty and Union Now and Forever, One and Inseparable

State Nickname: Peace Garden State

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Did you know that nearly 50 percent of the United States population lives within a 500-mile radius of Columbus, Ohio? Columbus is the state capital and Ohio's largest city. It is also home to The Ohio State University.

Capital: Columbus

Date Admitted to the Union: March 1, 1803

Total Area: 44,826 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 11,570,808 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

State Flower: Scarlet Carnation

State Motto: With God, All Things Are Possible

State Nickname: Buckeye State

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Oklahoma has the largest Native American population of any state. Many of the 250,000 American Indians living in Oklahoma are descended from the original 67 tribes who inhabited Indian Territory. Oklahoma is tribal headquarters for 39 tribes.

Capital: Oklahoma City

Date Admitted to the Union: November 16, 1907

Total Area: 69,899 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 3,850,568 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

State Flower: Mistletoe

State Motto: Labor omnia vincit (Labor conquers all things)

State Nickname: Sooner State

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Crater Lake, in south-central Oregon, is the deepest lake in the United States and was formed in the remains of an ancient volcano. The lake is widely known for its intense blue color and spectacular views.

Capital: Salem

Date Admitted to the Union: February 14, 1859

Total Area: 98,379 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 3,930,065 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark State Flower: Oregon Grape

State Motto: Alis Volat Propiis (She Flies With Her Own Wings)

State Nickname: Beaver State

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The first commercial oil well in the United States was drilled by Edwin Drake near Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1859. Pennsylvania produced nearly half of the world's supply of oil until the Texas oil boom in 1901.

Capital: Harrisburg

Date Admitted to the Union: December 12, 1787

Total Area: 46,054 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 12,773,801 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Ruffed Grouse

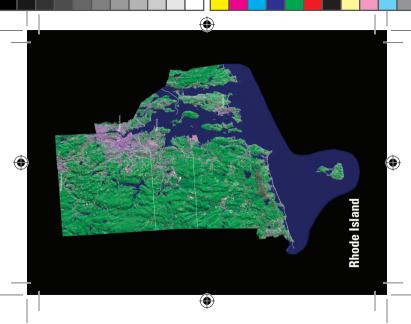
State Flower: Mountain Laurel

State Motto: Virtue, liberty, and independence

State Nickname: Keystone State

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The total area (land and water) of Rhode Island is only 1,545 square miles. The state measures about 37 miles east-west, and about 48 miles north-south.

Capital: Providence

Date Admitted to the Union: May 29, 1790

Total Area: 1,545 square miles (source: 2010 Census) Population: 1,051,511 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

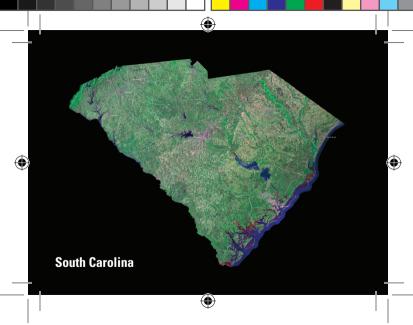
State Bird: Rhode Island Red

State Flower: Violet State Motto: Hope

State Nickname: Ocean State

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Fort Sumter National Monument in Charleston harbor marks the site of the first hostilities of the Civil War in April, 1861.

Capital: Columbia

Date Admitted to the Union: May 23, 1788

Total Area: 32,020 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 4,774,839 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Carolina Wren

State Flower: Yellow Jessamine

State Motto: Dum spiro spero (While I breathe, I hope) and Animis opibusque parati (Prepared in mind and resources)

State Nickname: Palmetto State

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South Dakota is home to the fabled "Black Hills." Seen from a distance, these pine-covered hills, rising several thousand feet above the surrounding prairie, appear black.

Capital: Pierre

Date Admitted to the Union: November 2, 1889

Total Area: 77,116 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 844,877 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Ring-Necked Pheasant

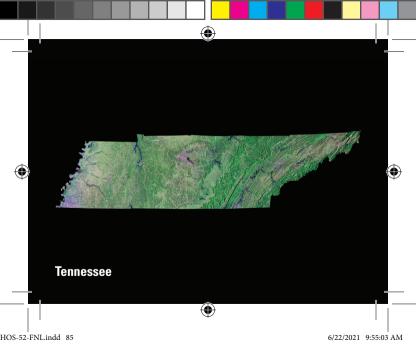
State Flower: Pasque Flower

State Motto: Under God the People Rule

State Nickname: Mount Rushmore State

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Tennessee has had several nicknames, but the most popular is the "Volunteer State." The nickname originated during the War of 1812 when volunteer soldiers from Tennessee displayed marked valor in the Battle of New Orleans.

Capital: Nashville

Date Admitted to the Union: June 1, 1796

Total Area: 42,144 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 6,495,978 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Mockingbird
State Flower: Iris

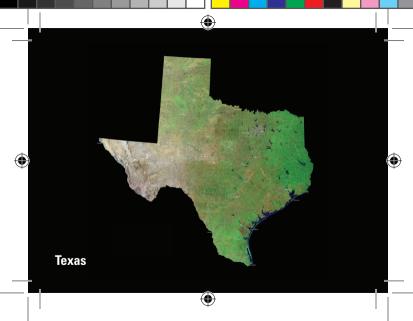
State Flower. 1118

State Motto: Agriculture and Commerce

State Nickname: Volunteer State

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Six flags have flown over Texas: Spain, France, United Mexican States, Confederate States of America, the Republic of Texas, and the United States of America, with eight changes of government.

Capital: Austin

Date Admitted to the Union: December 19, 1845

Total Area: 268,596 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 26,448,193 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

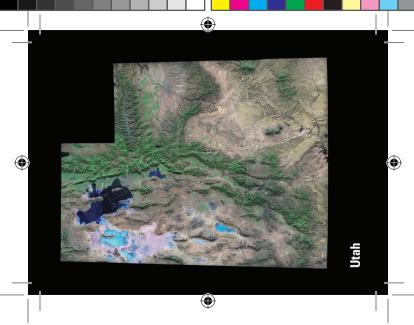
State Bird: Mockinabird State Flower: Bluebonnet

State Motto: Friendship

State Nickname: Lone Star State

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Utah mountain peaks, on average, are the tallest in the country. The average elevation of the tallest peaks in each of Utah's counties is 11,222 feet-higher than the same average in any other state.

Capital: Salt Lake City

Date Admitted to the Union: January 4, 1896

Total Area: 84,897 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 2,900,872 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Common American Gull

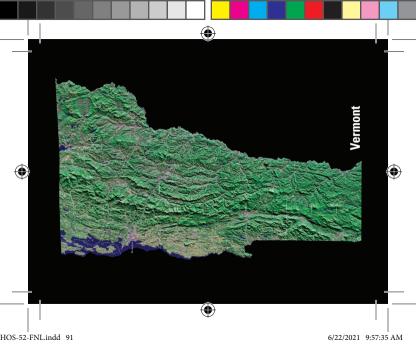
State Flower: Sego Lily

State Motto: Industry

State Nickname: Beehive State

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Vermont was the first state admitted to the union after the original 13 colonies. Vermont's capital, Montpelier, is the smallest state capital with a population of less than 8.000.

Capital: Montpelier

Date Admitted to the Union: March 4, 1791

Total Area: 9,616 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 626,630 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Hermit Thrush State Flower: Red Clover

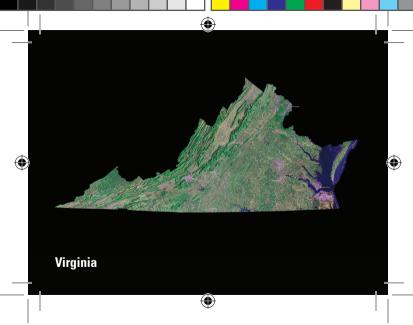
State Motto: Freedom and unity

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State Nickname: Green Mountain State

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Sometimes called the "Mother State," Virginia has produced eight U.S. presidents (more than any other state): George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson.

Capital: Richmond

Date Admitted to the Union: June 25, 1788

Total Area: 42,775 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 8,260,405 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

State Flower: American Dogwood

State Motto: Sic Semper Tyrannis (Thus Always to Tyrants)

State Nickname: Old Dominion

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Mount St. Helens in southeast Washington erupted on May 18, 1980. The volcano and 110,000 acres of surrounding land are now part of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

Capital: Olympia

Date Admitted to the Union: November 11, 1889

Total Area: 71,298 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

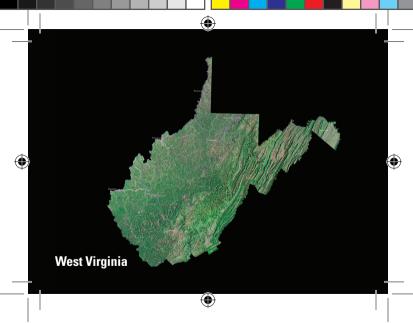
Population: 6,971,406 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Willow Goldfinch State Flower: Coast Rhododendron

State Motto: Al-ki (By and by) State Nickname: Evergreen State

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During the Cold War, the Emergency Relocation Center was built to house members of Congress in the event of a nuclear attack. It is located beneath the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Capital: Charleston

Date Admitted to the Union: June 20, 1863

Total Area: 24,230 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 1,854,304 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Cardinal

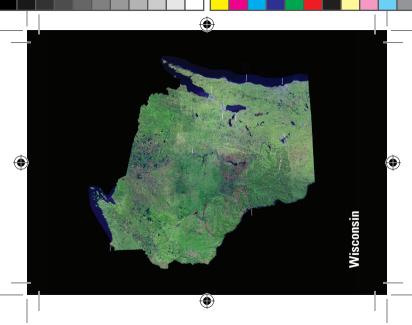
State Flower: Rhododendron

State Motto: Montani Semper Liberi (Mountaineers Are Always Free)

State Nickname: Mountain State

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Wisconsin has more than 15,000 lakes. It also has 7,446 streams and rivers, which if placed end to end would stretch nearly 27,000 miles—more than enough to circle the globe at the equator.

Capital: Madison

Date Admitted to the Union: May 29, 1848

Total Area: 65,496 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

Population: 5,742,713 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Robin

State Flower: Wood Violet

State Motto: Forward

State Nickname: Badger State

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Wyoming is home to the country's first official national park–Yellowstone, the country's first national forest–Shoshone, and the country's first national monument–Devil's Tower.

Capital: Cheyenne

Date Admitted to the Union: July 10, 1890

Total Area: 97,813 square miles (source: 2010 Census)

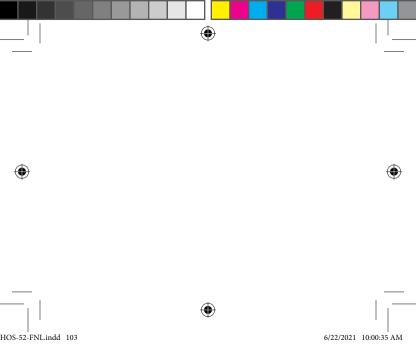
Population: 582,658 (source: 2013 Census estimate)

State Bird: Western Meadowlark State Flower: Indian Paintbrush State Motto: Equal Rights

State Nickname: Equality State

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Each of the 50 States in the United States is beautiful in its own way. That beauty can be seen from a unique perspective using satellite images taken from high about the Earth. These State images were created from multiple satellite images stitched together into one seamless image for each State. Names of major cities, administrative boundaries, and State flags have been added.

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