

The 50 United States

State	Abbr	Capital	Admission year	Population 2010*	Nickname(s)	Song(s)	Area (sq. mi.)
Alabama	AL	Montgomery	1819	4,779,736	<i>Heart of Dixie</i>	"Alabama"	50,750
Alaska	AK	Juneau	1959	710,231	<i>Last Frontier</i>	"Alaska's Flag"	570,374
Arizona	AZ	Phoenix	1912	6,392,017	<i>Grand Canyon State</i>	"Arizona," "Arizona March Song"	113,642
Arkansas	AR	Little Rock	1836	2,915,918	<i>Land of Opportunity</i>	"Arkansas," "Oh, Arkansas"	52,075
California	CA	Sacramento	1850	37,253,956	<i>Golden State</i>	"I Love You, California"	155,973
Colorado	CO	Denver	1876	5,029,196	<i>Centennial State</i>	"Where the Columbines Grow"	103,729
Connecticut	CT	Hartford	1788	3,574,097	<i>Constitution State</i>	"Yankee Doodle"	4,845
Delaware	DE	Dover	1787	897,934	<i>First State</i>	"Our Delaware"	1,955
Florida	FL	Tallahassee	1845	18,801,310	<i>Sunshine State</i>	"The Swanee River (Old Folks at Home)"	53,937
Georgia	GA	Atlanta	1788	9,687,653	<i>Empire State of the South</i>	"Georgia on My Mind"	57,919
Hawaii	HI	Honolulu	1959	1,360,301	<i>Aloha State</i>	"Hawaii Pono!"	6,423
Idaho	ID	Boise	1890	1,567,582	<i>Gem State</i>	"Here We Have Idaho"	82,751
Illinois	IL	Springfield	1818	12,830,632	<i>Prairie State; Land of Lincoln</i>	"Illinois"	55,593
Indiana	IN	Indianapolis	1816	6,483,802	<i>Crossroads of America; Hoosier State</i>	"On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away"	35,870
Iowa	IA	Des Moines	1846	3,046,355	<i>Hawkeye State</i>	"The Song of Iowa"	55,874
Kansas	KS	Topeka	1861	2,853,118	<i>Sunflower State</i>	"Home on the Range"	81,823
Kentucky	KY	Frankfort	1792	4,339,367	<i>Bluegrass State</i>	"My Old Kentucky Home"	39,732
Louisiana	LA	Baton Rouge	1812	4,533,372	<i>Pelican State</i>	"Give Me Louisiana," "You Are My Sunshine"	43,566
Maine	ME	Augusta	1820	1,328,361	<i>Pine Tree State</i>	"State of Maine Song"	30,865
Maryland	MD	Annapolis	1788	5,773,552	<i>Old Line State</i>	"Maryland, My Maryland"	9,774
Massachusetts	MA	Boston	1788	6,547,629	<i>Bay State</i>	"All Hail to Massachusetts"	7,838
Michigan	MI	Lansing	1837	9,883,640	<i>Wolverine State</i>	"Michigan, My Michigan"	56,809
Minnesota	MN	St. Paul	1858	5,303,925	<i>North Star State; Gopher State</i>	"Hail! Minnesota"	79,617
Mississippi	MS	Jackson	1817	2,967,297	<i>Magnolia State</i>	"Go Mis-sis-sip-pi"	46,914
Missouri	MO	Jefferson City	1821	5,988,927	<i>Show Me State</i>	"Missouri Waltz"	68,898
Montana	MT	Helena	1889	989,415	<i>Treasure State</i>	"Montana"	145,556

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Nebraska	NE	Lincoln	1867	1,826,341	<i>Cornhusker State</i>	"Beautiful Nebraska"	76,878
Nevada	NV	Carson City	1864	2,700,551	<i>Silver State</i>	"Home Means Nevada"	109,806
New Hampshire	NH	Concord	1788	1,316,470	<i>Granite State</i>	"Old New Hampshire"	8,969
New Jersey	NJ	Trenton	1787	8,791,894	<i>Garden State</i>	"I'm from New Jersey"	7,419
New Mexico	NM	Santa Fe	1912	2,059,179	<i>Land of Enchantment</i>	"O, Fair New Mexico"	121,364
New York	NY	Albany	1788	19,378,102	<i>Empire State</i>	"I Love New York"	47,224
North Carolina	NC	Raleigh	1789	9,535,483	<i>Tar Heel State</i>	"The Old North State"	48,718
North Dakota	ND	Bismarck	1889	672,591	<i>Peace Garden State</i>	"North Dakota Hymn"	68,994
Ohio	OH	Columbus	1803	11,536,504	<i>Buckeye State</i>	"Beautiful Ohio"	40,953
Oklahoma	OK	Oklahoma City	1907	3,751,351	<i>Sooner State</i>	"Oklahoma"	68,679
Oregon	OR	Salem	1859	3,831,074	<i>Beaver State</i>	"Oregon, My Oregon"	96,002
Pennsylvania	PA	Harrisburg	1787	12,702,379	<i>Keystone State</i>	"Pennsylvania"	44,820
Rhode Island	RI	Providence	1790	1,052,567	<i>Ocean State</i>	"Rhode Island's It for Me"	1,045
South Carolina	SC	Columbia	1788	4,625,364	<i>Palmetto State</i>	"Carolina"	30,111
South Dakota	SD	Pierre	1889	814,180	<i>Mount Rushmore State</i>	"Hail, South Dakota"	75,896
Tennessee	TN	Nashville	1796	6,346,105	<i>Volunteer State</i>	"My Homeland, Tennessee," "My Tennessee," "The Tennessee Waltz"	41,219
Texas	TX	Austin	1845	25,145,561	<i>Lone Star State</i>	"Texas, Our Texas"	261,914
Utah	UT	Salt Lake City	1896	2,763,885	<i>Beehive State</i>	"Utah, We Love Thee"	82,168
Vermont	VT	Montpelier	1791	625,741	<i>Green Mountain State</i>	"These Green Mountains"	9,249
Virginia	VA	Richmond	1788	8,001,024	<i>Old Dominion</i>	"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia"	39,598
Washington	WA	Olympia	1889	6,724,540	<i>Evergreen State</i>	"Washington, My Home"	66,581
West Virginia	WV	Charleston	1863	1,852,994	<i>Mountain State</i>	"The West Virginia Hills," "This Is My West Virginia"	24,087
Wisconsin	WI	Madison	1848	5,686,986	<i>Badger State</i>	"On, Wisconsin!"	54,314
*United States	USA	Washington, D.C.		308,745,538		"The Star-Spangled Banner"	3,794,083
Wyoming	WY	Cheyenne	1890	563,626	<i>Equality State</i>	"Wyoming"	97,105

United States Presidents

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Name	Years Lived	Years Served	Inauguration Age	Party	State of Residence When Elected *	Vice President(s)
George Washington	1732–1799	1789–1797	57	<i>Federalist</i>	Virginia	John Adams
John Adams	1735–1826	1797–1801	61	<i>Federalist</i>	Massachusetts	Thomas Jefferson
Thomas Jefferson	1743–1826	1801–1809	57	<i>Democratic Republican</i>	Virginia	Aaron Burr/George Clinton
James Madison	1751–1836	1809–1817	57	<i>Democratic Republican</i>	Virginia	George Clinton/Elbridge Gerry
James Monroe	1758–1831	1817–1825	58	<i>Democratic Republican</i>	Virginia	Daniel D. Tompkins
John Quincy Adams	1767–1848	1825–1829	57	<i>Democratic Republican</i>	Massachusetts	John C. Calhoun
Andrew Jackson	1767–1845	1829–1837	61	<i>Democratic</i>	Tennessee (SC)	John C. Calhoun/Martin Van Buren
Martin Van Buren	1782–1862	1837–1841	54	<i>Democratic</i>	New York	Richard M. Johnson
William H. Harrison	1773–1841	1841	68	<i>Whig</i>	Ohio (VA)	John Tyler
John Tyler	1790–1862	1841–1845	51	<i>Whig</i>	Virginia	none
James K. Polk	1795–1849	1845–1849	49	<i>Democratic</i>	Tennessee (NC)	George M. Dallas
Zachary Taylor	1784–1850	1849–1850	64	<i>Whig</i>	Louisiana (VA)	Millard Fillmore
Millard Fillmore	1800–1874	1850–1853	50	<i>Whig</i>	New York	none
Franklin Pierce	1804–1869	1853–1857	48	<i>Democratic</i>	New Hampshire	William R. King
James Buchanan	1791–1868	1857–1861	65	<i>Democratic</i>	Pennsylvania	John C. Breckenridge
Abraham Lincoln	1809–1865	1861–1865	52	<i>Republican</i>	Illinois (KY)	Hannibal Hamlin/Andrew Johnson
Andrew Johnson	1808–1875	1865–1869	56	<i>Democratic</i>	Tennessee (NC)	none
Ulysses S. Grant	1822–1885	1869–1877	46	<i>Republican</i>	Illinois (OH)	Schuyler Colfax/Henry Wilson
Rutherford B. Hayes	1822–1893	1877–1881	54	<i>Republican</i>	Ohio	William A. Wheeler
James A. Garfield	1831–1881	1881	49	<i>Republican</i>	Ohio	Chester A. Arthur
Chester A. Arthur	1829–1886	1881–1885	51	<i>Republican</i>	New York (VT)	none

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Grover Cleveland	1837–1908	1885–1889	47	Democratic	New York (NJ)	Thomas A. Hendricks
Benjamin Harrison	1833–1901	1889–1893	55	Republican	Indiana (OH)	Levi P. Morton
Grover Cleveland	1837–1908	1893–1897	55	Democratic	New York (NJ)	Adlai E. Stevenson
William McKinley	1843–1901	1897–1901	54	Republican	Ohio	Garret A. Hobart/Theodore Roosevelt
Theodore Roosevelt	1858–1919	1901–1909	42	Republican	New York	Charles W. Fairbanks
William H. Taft	1857–1930	1909–1913	51	Republican	Ohio	James S. Sherman
Woodrow Wilson	1856–1924	1913–1921	56	Democratic	New Jersey (VA)	Thomas R. Marshall
Warren G. Harding	1865–1923	1921–1923	55	Republican	Ohio	Calvin Coolidge
Calvin Coolidge	1872–1933	1923–1929	51	Republican	Massachusetts (VT)	Charles G. Dawes
Herbert Hoover	1874–1964	1929–1933	54	Republican	California (IA)	Charles Curtis
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1882–1945	1933–1945	51	Democratic	New York	John Nance Garner/Henry A. Wallace/Harry S Truman
Harry S Truman	1884–1972	1945–1953	60	Democratic	Missouri	Alben W. Barkley
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1890–1969	1953–1961	62	Republican	New York (TX)	Richard M. Nixon
John F. Kennedy	1917–1963	1961–1963	43	Democratic	Massachusetts	Lyndon B. Johnson
Lyndon B. Johnson	1908–1973	1963–1969	55	Democratic	Texas	Hubert H. Humphrey
Richard M. Nixon	1913–1994	1969–1974	56	Republican	New York (CA)	Spiro T. Agnew/Gerald R. Ford
Gerald R. Ford	1913–2006	1974–1977	61	Republican	Michigan (NE)	Nelson A. Rockefeller
James E. (Jimmy) Carter	1924–	1977–1981	52	Democratic	Georgia	Walter F. Mondale
Ronald W. Reagan	1911–2004	1981–1989	69	Republican	California (IL)	George H. W. Bush
George H. W. Bush	1924–	1989–1993	64	Republican	Texas (MA)	J. Danforth (Dan) Quayle
William J. (Bill) Clinton	1946–	1993–2001	46	Democratic	Arkansas	Albert Gore, Jr.
George W. Bush	1946–	2001–2009	54	Republican	Texas (CT)	Richard B. Cheney
Barack Obama	1961–	2009–	47	Democratic	Illinois (HI)	Joe Biden

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Our Constitution

Written in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, in the summer of 1787. Approved in 1788, Delaware was the first state to vote for it.

This is how the great document is organized.

Preamble	Introduction
I	Legislative (Congress – House and Senate)
II	Executive (President and Vice-President)
III	Judicial (Courts and Judges)
IV	States (How They Get Along)
V	Amendment (How to Change the Constitution)
VI	Supremacy (Federal Level is Highest)
VII	Ratification (How to Approve)

Amendments

Amendments 1-10: Bill of Rights

Approved in 1791.

1st Amendment	Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, and Petition
2nd Amendment	Right to Keep, Bear Arms
3rd Amendment	Lodging Troops in Private Homes
4th Amendment	Search, Seizures, Proper Warrants
5th Amendment	Criminal Proceedings, Due Process, Eminent Domain
6th Amendment	Criminal Proceedings, Counsel, Speedy And Public Trial, More
7th Amendment	Jury Trials in Civil Cases
8th Amendment	Bail, Cruel and Unusual Punishment
9th Amendment	Unenumerated Rights – All Rights Not Listed Are Guaranteed to the People
10th Amendment	Powers Reserved to the States

Words in the Preamble

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We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Amendments 11-27

Passed by the Congress and ratified by states, 1798 to the present.

11th	1798	Suits Against States
12th	1804	Election of President and Vice President
13th	1865	Slavery and Involuntary Servitude
14th	1868	Rights of Citizens Defined
15th	1870	Right to Vote Can't Be Limited by Race, Color, Previous Servitude
16th	1913	Income Tax
17th	1913	Direct Election of Senators
18th	1919	Prohibition of Intoxicating Liquors
19th	1920	Women's Right to Vote
20th	1933	Beginning of Presidential and Congressional Terms
21st	1933	Repeal of 18th Amendment
22nd	1951	President Limited to Two Terms
23rd	1961	D.C. to Vote in Presidential Election
24th	1964	Right to Vote in Federal Elections without Paying Poll Taxes
25th	1967	Presidential Succession, Disability; VP Vacancy
26th	1971	Right to Vote at Age 18
27th	1992	Congressional Pay



The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Francis Bellamy, a magazine editor, wrote the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the travels of Columbus to America. In 1954, Congress amended the Pledge by adding the words "under God." Through the years, it has become an American tradition to say the Pledge of Allegiance in school and at many public gatherings.

When you recite the Pledge of Allegiance, you should stand facing the flag and place your right hand over your heart. A person in military uniform should give a military salute with their right hand.

Honoring the American Flag

Many customs and rules have come to be accepted about the use and display of the American flag. These rules and customs were incorporated by Congress into a flag code. This occurred in 1942 and it was added to in 1976. No American is expected to know all the regulations, but it is important to treat the flag with respect. Here are some examples from the flag code:

- * The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset. It should not be flown at night except on special occasions or in certain places.
- * The flag should not be flown in bad weather.
- * No other flag should be flown above the American flag or to the right of it at the same height.
- * The flag should not be used to cover a statue or painting at an unveiling.
- * On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-mast in the morning and at full-mast in the afternoon.
- * The flag may be flown at half-mast to mourn the death of public officials. When it is flown at half-mast, it should first be hoisted all the way up and then lowered.
- * Only the president of the United States or the governor of a state can order the flag to half-mast.
- * The flag, when it is no longer in good condition, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.
- * The flag should never touch the ground or floor beneath it.
- * The flag may be flown upside down only to signal distress, or in an emergency.

Important Dates in American History

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DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
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Our Early History

1492	Columbus reaches Americas	Spanish explorer who landed in the Americas in 1492
1607	Jamestown settled	First permanent settlement, eventually becomes the colony of Virginia
1620	Pilgrims settle Plymouth	Group of English Puritans founded the Massachusetts Bay colony

From Colonies to Nation

1775–1783	American Revolution	War between the American colonies and Great Britain
1776	Declaration of Independence	Document stating reasons why the colonists felt justified in breaking away from England
1781–1789	Articles of Confederation	The first U.S. constitution, in effect for only 8 years
1789	Constitution ratified	Written in 1787 as our second governing document, and approved by the 9th state (NH), making it legal
1791	Bill of Rights approved	First ten amendments added to the Constitution, guaranteeing important individual rights

The 19th Century (1801–1900)

1803	Louisiana Purchase	Acquisition under President Jefferson of large area owned by France that became the central United States
1812–1815	War of 1812	War between United States and Great Britain over shipping rights and piracy; sometimes known as the "second American war for independence"
1846–1848	Mexican War	War between Mexico and the United States in which the United States gained a vast amount of territory in the West and the Southwest
1861–1865	Civil War	War between the North and the South over the type of government to have
1877	Reconstruction ends	Period after the Civil War when the South was brought back into the Union
1890	Indian wars end	American Indians forced onto reservations; census declares end of frontier; all areas settled

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The 19th Century (1801–1900), continued

1898	Spanish-American War	Conflict between Spain and the United States over the treatment of Cubans
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The 20th Century (1901–2000)

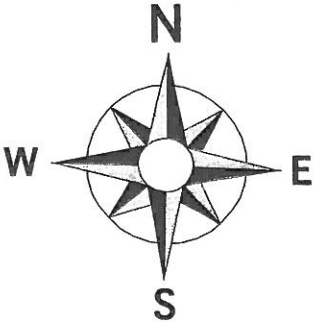
1914–1918	World War I	Great Britain, France, Russia, the United States, and other Allies defeat Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Bulgaria. The United States enters in 1917.
1929	Great Depression begins	10-year period marked by huge decline in the stock market, high unemployment, and difficult climatic conditions
1939–1945	World War II	Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the United States and other Allies defeat Germany, Italy and Japan. The United States enters the war in 1941 as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7.
1950	Korean War	Military action between North Korea and the United Nations (including the U.S.)
1963–1975	Vietnam War	Conflict between communist North Vietnam and South Vietnam; the United States actively supported the South
1969	Moon landing	Neil Armstrong becomes the first human to walk on the moon
1989–1990	Collapse of communism in Eastern Europe	The Berlin Wall and other barriers fall as many communist nations experience democracy
1991	Persian Gulf War	Operation Desert Storm – U.S. responds to Iraq's invasion of oil-rich Kuwait

The 21st Century (2001–present)

2001	Terrorists strike U.S.	September 11, terrorists crash commercial airliners into NY City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon near Washington, D.C.; approximately 3,000 die
	War in Afghanistan	October 7, Afghanistan War began, included search for terrorists, especially Osama Bin Laden, mastermind of 9/11 attacks
2003	Iraq War	March 17, invasion of Iraq to remove the dictator, Saddam Hussein



United States Map



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CANADA

Pacific Ocean



Atlantic Ocean

Gulf of Mexico

