



50 STATES & CAPITALS





Fun State Facts

- ☆ There are three U.S. towns named Santa Claus. They are located in **Georgia**, **Arizona** and **Indiana**.
- ☆ **Vermont** is the largest producer of maple syrup in the U.S.
- ☆ According to Guinness World Records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir displayed in 1950 in Seattle, **Washington**.
- ☆ **California** holds the record for the most amusement parks.
- ☆ **Montana** has almost three times as many cows as people.
- ☆ The state flower of **North Dakota** is the wild prairie rose.
- ☆ The first umbrella factory in the U.S. was founded in 1828 in Baltimore, **Maryland**.
- ☆ The state flower of **Nevada** is the sagebrush.
- ☆ The world's tallest roller coaster is Kingda Ka located at Six Flags Great Adventure in **New Jersey**.
- ☆ The first American chess tournament was held in **New York** in 1843.
- ☆ The center of the United States is located near Belle Fourche, **South Dakota**.
- ☆ Barack Obama, our nation's first African American president, was born in **Hawaii**.
- ☆ The world's largest silver nugget was found in **Colorado** in 1894. It weighed over 1,800 pounds!
- ☆ **Alaska** has 3 million lakes, 130 volcanoes and more than 100,000 glaciers.
- ☆ The official state bird of **Alabama** is the yellowhammer.
- ☆ **Florida** has the most lightning strikes in the U.S.
- ☆ **Delaware** is known as the First State because it was the first of the original 13 states to ratify the Constitution.
- ☆ The oldest public school was opened in 1635 in Boston, **Massachusetts**.
- ☆ The state insect of **Pennsylvania** is the firefly.
- ☆ **Oregon** has more ghost towns than any other state.
- ☆ The state flower and state tree of **Virginia** is the American dogwood.
- ☆ The first state to give women the right to vote was **Wyoming**.
- ☆ **Kansas** has the largest population of wild prairie chickens in the U.S.



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- ☆ The state floral emblem of **Oklahoma** is Mistletoe.
- ☆ The official state bird of **Missouri** is a bluebird.
- ☆ The official state bird of **New Hampshire** is a purple finch.
- ☆ **Connecticut** is home to the first hamburger.
- ☆ **Wisconsin** is known as the dairy capital of the U.S. It produces more than 29 billion pounds of milk every year.
- ☆ The official state bird of **North Carolina** is the cardinal.
- ☆ The name **Mississippi** comes from a Native American word meaning great river.
- ☆ **Nebraska**'s nickname is the Cornhusker State.
- ☆ The only active diamond mine in the U.S. is located in **Arkansas**.
- ☆ The country's largest mall, Mall of America, is located in **Minnesota**.
- ☆ **Michigan**'s nickname is the Wolverine State.
- ☆ **Idaho** has the largest man-made geyser. It shoots water up to 150 feet high!
- ☆ The world's first skyscraper was built in Chicago, **Illinois**, in 1885.
- ☆ More eggs are produced in **Iowa** than any other state. They produce more than 14.6 billion eggs per year!
- ☆ The most popular horse race in the U.S. is the Kentucky Derby located at Churchill Downs in Louisville, **Kentucky**.
- ☆ Louisiana has the most alligators. There are about 2 million that live in **Louisiana**.
- ☆ **Maine** is known as the Pine Tree State.
- ☆ The largest display of fully mounted dinosaurs in the U.S. is located in **Utah**.
- ☆ The longest steel arch bridge is located in Fayetteville, **West Virginia**. It is 1,700 feet long!
- ☆ The official state bird of **New Mexico** is the roadrunner.
- ☆ **Texas** has the largest state capitol building.
- ☆ **Rhode Island** is home of the country's oldest temple. The Touro Synagogue was opened in 1763.
- ☆ The state flower of **Ohio** is the scarlet carnation.
- ☆ The official state bird of **Tennessee** is the mockingbird.
- ☆ The official state bird of **South Carolina** is the Carolina wren.