

# U.S. Affairs Annual

Facts and figures to guide you through the 50 states

This edition of *UPDATE* is packed with statistics, charts, and graphs to help you better understand what this nation is and how it works. They'll also show you what makes each state tick—economically, socially, and politically.

But don't get overwhelmed. As you wade through all this information, keep in mind that behind every statistic is a

human story. The percentage of uninsured means a sick person goes without proper care. The poverty number means someone goes without food and shelter. And school spending can tell you a lot about what kind of education you and your friends are getting.

The facts and figures in the U.S. Affairs Annual offer a statistical portrait of this vast and diverse nation of ours. We

like to think of it as *UPDATE*'s yearly road trip across America. To help you navigate through the numbers, turn to page 14 for "Reading Between the Lines," a key to what the statistics mean and why they're important. Keep this Annual to use as a reference throughout the year. The data here can give you the background you need to analyze the issues facing the country and each of its states. ■

## State-by-State Almanac

### ALABAMA

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led peaceful protests here against segregation in 1955, launching the civil rights movement. **Nickname:** The Heart of Dixie. **Origin of Name:** Named for the Alibamu Indian tribe. **Entered Union:** 1819. **Capital:** Montgomery. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Birmingham, pop. 264,527. **Area:** 51,705 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 4,273,084. White: 72.8%; Black: 25.5%; Hispanic: 0.7%; Native American: 0.4%; Asian: 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Pulp and paper, chemicals, cotton. **Governor:** Fob James Jr. (R). **U.S. Senators:** Jeff Sessions (R), Richard C. Shelby (R). **U.S. House:** 7 (2D, 5R). **Famous Alabamians:** George Washington Carver, Helen Keller, Willie Mays, Rosa Parks, Hank Williams. **Famous Fact:** The state capital, Montgomery, was the first capital of the Confederacy.

### ALASKA

The largest state in the U.S., Alaska has fewer people than any other state except Wyoming and Vermont. **Nickname:** The Last Frontier. **Origin of Name:** Russian version of an Eskimo word. **Entered Union:** 1959. **Capital:** Juneau. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Anchorage, pop. 253,649. **Area:** 591,004 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 607,007. White: 73.4%; Black: 4.0%; Hispanic: 3.6%; Native American: 15.2%; Asian: 3.8%. **Chief Industries:** Oil, gas, tourism, fishing. **Governor:** Tony Knowles (D). **U.S. Senators:** Frank H. Murkowski (R), Ted Stevens (R). **U.S. House:** 1 (R). **Famous Alaskans:** Ernest Gruening, Jewel, Joe Juneau. **Famous Fact:** Mount McKinley, at 20,320 feet, is the highest point in North America.

### ARIZONA

With its warm, dry climate, Arizona is one of our fastest-growing states. **Nickname:** Grand Canyon State. **Origin of Name:** Indian word *arizonac*, meaning "small spring." **Entered Union:** 1912. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Phoenix, pop. 1,048,949. **Area:** 114,000 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 4,428,068. White: 70.0%; Black: 3.0%; Hispanic: 20.2%; Native American: 5.2%; Asian: 1.6%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, mining, agriculture, tourism. **Governor:** Jane Dee Hull (R). **U.S. Senators:** Jon Kyl (R), John McCain (R). **U.S. House:** 6 (1D, 5R). **Famous Arizonans:** Cesar Chavez, Geronimo, Sandra Day O'Connor, Bruce Babbitt. **Famous Fact:** Four states meet at Four Corners, Arizona, the junction of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

### ARKANSAS

The land is a contrast of mountains and valleys, thick forests, and fertile plains. The state is famous for its spring waters, which many people believe help cure illnesses. **Nickname:** Land of Opportunity. **Origin of Name:** From Indian word meaning "land of downstream people." **Entered Union:** 1836. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Little Rock, pop. 178,136. **Area:** 53,187 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 2,509,793. White: 82.0%; Black: 15.8%; Hispanic: 1.1%; Native American: 0.5%; Asian: 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, agriculture, tourism. **Governor:** Mike Huckabee (R). **U.S. Senators:** Dale Bumpers (D), Tim Hutchinson (R). **U.S. House:** 4 (2D, 2R). **Famous Arkansans:** President Bill Clinton, General Douglas MacArthur, John Grisham, Johnny Cash. **Famous Fact:** The Crater of Diamonds, near Murfreesboro, is the only diamond mine in the U.S.

### CALIFORNIA

The nation's most populous and fastest-growing state. **Nickname:** Golden State. **Origin of Name:** After a treasure island in a popular Spanish tale. **Entered Union:** 1850. **Capital:** Sacramento. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Los Angeles, pop. 3,448,613. **Area:** 158,706 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 31,878,234. White: 53.6%; Black: 7.0%; Hispanic: 28.4%; Native American: 0.6%; Asian: 10.4%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, aerospace, manufacturing. **Governor:** Pete Wilson (R). **U.S. Senators:** Barbara Boxer (D), Dianne Feinstein (D). **U.S. House:** 52 (29D, 23R). **Famous Californians:** Beck, Leonardo DiCaprio, John Steinbeck, John Muir, President Richard Nixon, Earl Warren. **Famous Fact:** The earth's oldest living things (4,600 years old) are a group of bristlecone pine trees in Inyo National Forest.

### COLORADO

Before Colorado was ever a state, its mountains attracted prospectors looking for gold. **Nickname:** Centennial State. **Origin of Name:** Spanish for "colored red." **Entered Union:** 1876. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Denver, pop. 439,539. **Area:** 104,091 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,822,676. White: 80.0%; Black: 4.0%; Hispanic: 13.5%; Native American: 0.7%; Asian: 1.9%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, government, aerospace, tourism. **Governor:** Roy Romer (D). **U.S. Senators:** Wayne Allard (R), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R). **U.S. House:** 6 (2D, 4R). **Famous Coloradans:** M. Scott Carpenter, Jack Dempsey, Douglas Fairbanks. **Famous Fact:** Colorado is the highest state, with more than 1,000 mountains over 10,000 feet.

### CONNECTICUT

Despite its small size, Connecticut is an important industrial and commercial state. **Nickname:** Constitution State. **Origin of Name:** Algonquin Indian word, meaning "on the long tidal river." **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital:** Hartford. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Bridgeport, pop. 132,919. **Area:** 5,018 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,274,238. White: 82.4%; Black: 8.3%; Hispanic: 7.3%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 1.8%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, retail trade, government. **Governor:** John G. Rowland (R). **U.S. Senators:** Christopher J. Dodd (D), Joseph I. Lieberman (D). **U.S. House:** 6 (4D, 2R). **Famous "Nutmeggers":** P.T. Barnum, Katharine Hepburn, Harnet Beecher Stowe, Eli Whitney, Noah Webster. **Famous Fact:** Connecticut was the first American colony to have a written constitution.

### DELAWARE

Delaware is the second-smallest state in the U.S. But nearly 173,000 businesses are incorporated here, thanks to Delaware's favorable business laws. **Nickname:** First State. **Origin of Name:** Honors Lord De La Warr, first governor, Virginia colony. **Entered Union:** 1787. **Capital:** Dover. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Wilmington, pop. 72,799. **Area:** 2,044 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 724,842. White: 77.4%; Black: 17.9%; Hispanic: 2.7%; Native American: 0.3%; Asian: 1.7%. **Chief Industries:** Chemicals, agriculture, poultry. **Governor:** Thomas R. Carper (D). **U.S. Senators:** Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D), William V. Roth Jr. (R). **U.S. House:** 1 (R). **Famous Delawareans:** Clifford Brown, Elizabeth Shue, E.I. DuPont, John P. Marquand. **Famous Fact:** Delaware was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

### FLORIDA

The nation's second-fastest-growing state. Florida produces much of our citrus fruit. **Nickname:** Sunshine State. **Origin of Name:** Spanish word for "flowery." **Entered Union:** 1845. **Capital:** Tallahassee. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Jacksonville, pop. 665,070. **Area:** 58,664 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 14,399,985. White: 71.2%; Black: 13.8%; Hispanic: 13.4%; Native American: 0.3%; Asian: 1.4%. **Chief Industries:** Retail trade, government, tourism. **Governor:** Lawton Chiles (D). **U.S. Senators:** Bob Graham (D), Connie Mack (R). **U.S. House:** 23 (8D, 15R). **Famous Floridians:** Mary Bethune, Zora Neale Hurston, Tom Perry, Sidney Poirier. **Famous Fact:** Florida has more lakes than any other state.

### GEORGIA

Georgia's capital city, Atlanta, is the hub of the affluent, sophisticated New South. **Nickname:** Empire State of the South. **Origin of Name:** Honors King George II of Great Britain. **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Atlanta, pop. 396,052. **Area:** 58,910 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 7,353,225. White: 68.7%; Black: 27.7%; Hispanic: 2.0%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 1.4%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, forestry, agriculture. **Governor:** Zell Miller (D). **U.S. Senators:** Max Cleland (D), Paul Coverdell (R). **U.S. House:** 11 (3D, 8R). **Famous Georgians:** Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King Jr., President Jimmy Carter, Julia Roberts. **Famous Fact:** An Atlanta drugstore was the first place in the world to serve Coca-Cola—in 1887. Atlanta was the site of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

### HAWAII

The last state to join the Union, Hawaii's palm-fringed beaches attract tourists from around the world. **Nickname:** Aloha State. **Origin of Name:** Hawaiian word for "homeland." **Entered Union:** 1959. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Honolulu, pop. 358,881. **Area:** 6,471 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,183,723. White: 30.1%; Black: 2.2%; Hispanic: 8.3%; Native American: 0.4%; Asian: 59.1%. **Chief Industries:** Tourism, military, agriculture. **Governor:** Benjamin J. Cayetano (D). **U.S. Senators:** Daniel K. Akaka (D), Daniel K. Inouye (D). **U.S. House:** 2 (2D). **Famous Hawaiians:** Queen Liliuokalani, Bette Midler, Ellison Onizuka, Don Ho. **Famous Fact:** Hawaii, located 2,400 miles off the coast of California, is the only state not in North America.

### IDAHO

This Western state is both a recreation and business center. **Nickname:** Gem State. **Origin of Name:** Word invented by settlers, meaning "gem of the mountains." **Entered Union:** 1890. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Boise, pop. 145,987. **Area:** 83,564 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,189,251. White: 91.8%; Black: 0.3%; Hispanic: 5.8%; Native American: 1.6%; Asian: 1.0%. **Chief Industries:** Mining, agriculture, lumber, manufacturing. **Governor:** Philip E. Batt (R). **U.S. Senators:** Larry E. Craig (R), Dirk Kempthorne (R). **U.S. House:** 2 (2R). **Famous Idahoans:** Chief Joseph, Ezra Pound, Sacajawea, Frank Church. **Famous Fact:** Idaho is the potato capital of the U.S. In 1993, it produced almost 13 billion pounds of potatoes.



## ILLINOIS

This state is home to Chicago, the nation's third-largest city, and is the Midwest's transportation center.

**Nickname:** Land of Lincoln. **Origin of Name:** For Illinewik Indians; name means "superior men." **Entered Union:** 1818. **Capital:** Springfield. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Chicago, pop. 2,731,743. **Area:** 56,345 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 11,846,544. **White:** 73.2%; **Black:** 14.9%; **Hispanic:** 8.9%; **Native American:** 0.2%; **Asian:** 2.8%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, agriculture. **Governor:** Jim Edgar (R). **U.S. Senators:** Carol Mosley-Braun (D), Richard J. Durbin (D). **U.S. House:** 20 (10D, 10R). **Famous Illini:** Cindy Crawford, Miles Davis, Harrison Ford, Michael Jordan, Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. **Famous Fact:** Chicago's Sears Tower is the tallest building in the U.S. (1,454 ft.).



## INDIANA

This Midwestern state is the hub of the auto-racing world each May during the Indianapolis 500. **Nickname:**

Hoosier State. **Origin of Name:** From the word *indian*. **Entered Union:** 1816. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Indianapolis, pop. 752,279. **Area:** 36,185 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,840,528. **White:** 89.1%; **Black:** 8.0%; **Hispanic:** 2.0%; **Native American:** 0.2%; **Asian:** 0.8%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, steel, wholesale and retail trade. **Governor:** Frank O'Bannon (D). **U.S. Senators:** Daniel R. Coats (R), Richard G. Lugar (R). **U.S. House:** 10 (4D, 6R). **Famous "Hoosiers":** Michael Jackson, Larry Bird, John Mellencamp, David Letterman. **Famous Fact:** New Harmony was the first place in the U.S. where girls and boys were taught in the same classes (1826).



## IOWA

As the first state to hold Presidential caucuses each election year, Iowa plays a major role in picking our President. **Nickname:** Hawkeye State. **Origin of Name:**

Indian word for "beautiful land." **Entered Union:** 1846. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Des Moines, pop. 193,965. **Area:** 56,275 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 2,851,792. **White:** 95.3%; **Black:** 1.9%; **Hispanic:** 1.5%; **Native American:** 0.2%; **Asian:** 1.1%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, manufacturing. **Governor:** Terry E. Branstad (R). **U.S. Senators:** Charles E. Grassley (R), Tom Harkin (D). **U.S. House:** 5 (1D, 4R). **Famous Iowans:** President Herbert Hoover, Cole Porter, John Wayne, Johnny Carson. **Famous Fact:** The Red Delicious apple, the top-selling apple in the U.S., was developed on an orchard near East Peru in the 1880s.



## KANSAS

America's "Breadbasket," and the state Dorothy called home in *The Wizard of Oz*. **Nickname:** Sunflower

State. **Origin of Name:** For Kansas Indians; name means "people of the south wind." **Entered Union:** 1861. **Capital:** Topeka. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Wichita, pop. 310,236. **Area:** 82,277 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 2,572,150. **White:** 87.7%; **Black:** 5.8%; **Hispanic:** 4.3%; **Native American:** 0.8%; **Asian:** 1.5%. **Chief Industries:** Mining, agriculture, machinery. **Governor:** Bill Graves (R). **U.S. Senators:** Pat Roberts (R), Sam Brownback (R). **U.S. House:** 4 (4R). **Famous Kansans:** John Brown, Amelia Earhart, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dennis Hopper. **Famous Fact:** The first woman mayor in the U.S., Susanna Salter, was elected in Argonia in 1887.



## KENTUCKY

Kentucky is considered the nation's premier spot to raise and run thoroughbred horses. **Nickname:**

Bluegrass State. **Origin of Name:** Cherokee word for "meadowland." **Entered Union:** 1792. **Capital:** Frankfort. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Louisville, pop. 270,208. **Area:** 40,409 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,883,723. **White:** 91.6%; **Black:** 7.1%; **Hispanic:** 0.7%; **Native American:** 0.1%; **Asian:** 0.5%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, coal mining, agriculture. **Governor:** Paul Patton (D). **U.S. Senators:** Wendell H. Ford (D), Mitch McConnell (R). **U.S. House:** 6 (1D, 5R). **Famous Kentuckians:** Daniel Boone, Muhammad Ali, Diane Sawyer, Johnny Depp, George Clooney. **Famous Fact:** The world's largest baseball-bat factory is in Louisville, home of the "Louisville Slugger."



## LOUISIANA

This swampy state on the Gulf of Mexico is a melting pot of European, African, and North American cultures. **Nickname:** Pelican State. **Origin of Name:**

Honors Louis XIV, king of France. **Entered Union:** 1812. **Capital:** Baton Rouge. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** New Orleans, pop. 484,149. **Area:** 47,752 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 4,350,579. **White:** 64.8%; **Black:** 31.4%; **Hispanic:** 2.4%; **Native American:** 0.4%; **Asian:** 1.1%. **Chief Industries:** Mining, oil, natural gas, wholesale and retail trade. **Governor:** Mike Foster (R). **U.S. Senators:** John B. Breaux (D), Mary Landrieu (D). **U.S. House:** 7 (2D, 5R). **Famous Louisianans:** Huey Long, Louis Armstrong, Jerry Lee Lewis, Wynton Marsalis. **Famous Fact:** Jazz was born in New Orleans.



## MAINE

The largest state in New England is famous for its wild and rocky Atlantic Ocean coastline. **Nickname:**

Pine Tree State. **Origin of Name:** Honors ancient French province of Maine. **Entered Union:** 1820. **Capital:** Augusta. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Portland, pop. 61,982. **Area:** 33,265 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,243,316. **White:** 98.0%; **Black:** 0.4%; **Hispanic:** 0.6%; **Native American:** 0.5%; **Asian:** 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Lumber, textiles, paper, government. **Governor:** Angus S. King Jr. (I). **U.S. Senators:** Susan Collins (R), Olympia J. Snowe (R). **U.S. House:** 2 (2D). **Famous "Down Easters":** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Stephen King. **Famous Fact:** People in Maine see the sun rise before anyone else in the continental U.S.



## MARYLAND

One of the nation's smallest states, with one of the country's most important ports.

**Nickname:** Old Line State. **Origin of Name:** Honors Queen Henrietta Maria of England. **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital:** Annapolis. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Baltimore, pop. 702,979. **Area:** 10,460 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,071,604. **White:** 67.1%; **Black:** 26.0%; **Hispanic:** 3.3%; **Native American:** 0.3%; **Asian:** 3.4%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, tourism. **Governor:** Parris N. Glendening (D). **U.S. Senators:** Barbara A. Mikulski (D), Paul S. Sarbanes (D). **U.S. House:** 8 (4D, 4R). **Famous Marylanders:** Edgar Allan Poe, Babe Ruth, Frederick Douglass, Frank Zappa. **Famous Fact:** Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" in Baltimore during the War of 1812.



## MASSACHUSETTS

Known as the Cradle of Liberty because the War of Independence broke out in Concord and

Lexington in 1775. **Nickname:** Bay State. **Origin of Name:** For Massachusetts Indians; name means "near the great hill." **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Boston, pop. 547,725. **Area:** 8,284 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 6,092,352. **White:** 86.4%; **Black:** 4.9%; **Hispanic:** 5.6%; **Native American:** 0.2%; **Asian:** 2.9%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, services, trade, construction. **Governor:** Argeo P. Cellucci (R). **U.S. Senators:** Edward M. Kennedy (D), John Kerry (D). **U.S. House:** 10 (10D). **Famous "Bay Staters":** Susan B. Anthony, Henry Thoreau, President John F. Kennedy. **Famous Fact:** The Pilgrims first settled at Plymouth in 1620.



## MICHIGAN

Michigan leads the U.S. in the production of automobiles. **Nickname:** Wolverine State. **Origin of Name:**

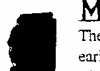
Chippewa word *michigama*, meaning "great water." **Entered Union:** 1837. **Capital:** Lansing. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Detroit, pop. 992,038. **Area:** 58,527 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 9,594,350. **White:** 81.6%; **Black:** 14.2%; **Hispanic:** 2.4%; **Native American:** 0.6%; **Asian:** 1.3%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, mining, agriculture, fishing. **Governor:** John Engler (R). **U.S. Senators:** Carl Levin (D), Spencer Abraham (R). **U.S. House:** 16 (10D, 6R). **Famous Michiganders:** Henry Ford, President Gerald R. Ford, Magic Johnson, Madonna. **Famous Fact:** Battle Creek produces more breakfast cereal than any place in the world.



## MINNESOTA

Known for its pristine fresh waters and ferocious winters. **Nickname:** Gopher State. **Origin of Name:**

From Sioux Indian word meaning "sky-tinted waters" of the Minnesota River. **Entered Union:** 1858. **Capital:** St. Paul. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Minneapolis, pop. 354,590. **Area:** 84,402 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 4,657,758. **White:** 92.0%; **Black:** 2.6%; **Hispanic:** 1.6%; **Native American:** 1.1%; **Asian:** 2.1%. **Chief Industries:** Wholesale and retail trade, manufacturing, agriculture. **Governor:** Arne H. Carlson (R). **U.S. Senators:** Rod Grams (R), Paul Wellstone (D). **U.S. House:** 8 (6D, 2R). **Famous Minnesotans:** F. Scott Fitzgerald, Hubert Humphrey, Bob Dylan, Garrison Keillor, Winona Ryder. **Famous Fact:** Duluth is the busiest freshwater port in North America.



## MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Delta gave birth to the blues in the early 20th century. In the 1960s, the state was the site of some of the most famous events of the civil rights movement. **Nickname:** Magnolia State. **Origin of Name:**

Indian word for "father of waters." **Entered Union:** 1817. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Jackson, pop. 193,097. **Area:** 47,689 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 2,716,115. **White:** 62.6%; **Black:** 35.8%; **Hispanic:** 0.7%; **Native American:** 0.3%; **Asian:** 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, food processing. **Governor:** Kirk Fordice (R). **U.S. Senators:** Thad Cochran (R), Trent Lott (R). **U.S. House:** 5 (2D, 3R). **Famous Mississippians:** Oprah Winfrey, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Elvis Presley, B.B. King. **Famous Fact:** The Pascagoula River, known as the "Singsong River," sounds like a swarm of bees.



## MISSOURI

Missouri was an important gateway for America's expansion westward in the 19th century. **Nickname:**

Show Me State. **Origin of Name:** Indian word meaning "town of the large canoes." **Entered Union:** 1821. **Capital:** Jefferson City. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Kansas City, pop. 443,873. **Area:** 69,697 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,358,692. **White:** 86.4%; **Black:** 10.9%; **Hispanic:** 1.4%; **Native American:** 0.4%; **Asian:** 0.9%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, manufacturing, aerospace. **Governor:** Mel Carnahan (D). **U.S. Senators:** Christopher S. Bond (R), John Ashcroft (R). **U.S. House:** 9 (5D, 4R). **Famous Missourians:** Maya Angelou, Charlie Parker, T.S. Eliot, President Harry S. Truman, Walt Disney. **Famous Fact:** Ice-cream cones were first served at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.



## MONTANA

Called Big Sky Country, Montana is known for its rugged outdoor lifestyle and wide-open spaces. **Nickname:** Treasure State. **Origin of Name:**

From Latin and Spanish for "mountainous." **Entered Union:** 1889. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Billings, pop. 86,573. **Area:** 147,046 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 879,375. **White:** 91.7%; **Black:** 0.3%; **Hispanic:** 1.7%; **Native American:** 5.8%; **Asian:** 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, mining, tourism. **Governor:** Marc Racicot (R). **U.S. Senators:** Max Baucus (D), Conrad Burns (R). **U.S. House:** 1 (R). **Famous Montanans:** Gary Cooper, Dana Carvey, Mike Mansfield. **Famous Fact:** Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress, in 1916.



## NEBRASKA

Farms make up 95% of Nebraska's area—a greater percentage than in any other state. **Nickname:** Cornhusker State. **Origin of Name:**

From the Oto Indian word *nebrathka*, meaning "flat water." **Entered Union:** 1867. **Capital:** Lincoln. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Omaha, pop. 345,033. **Area:** 77,355 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,652,093. **White:** 91.6%; **Black:** 3.7%; **Hispanic:** 3.0%; **Native American:** 0.7%; **Asian:** 0.9%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, food processing, manufacturing. **Governor:** E. Benjamin Nelson (D). **U.S. Senators:** Chuck Hagel (R), Bob Kerrey (D). **U.S. House:** 3 (3R). **Famous Nebraskans:** William Jennings Bryan, Malcolm X, Marlon Brando, Fred Astaire, Willa Cather. **Famous Fact:** Ruts made by pioneer wagons still exist near some roads.



## NEVADA

Famous for the glittering casinos of Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada is also home to one of the world's largest concrete Dams—Hoover Dam. **Nickname:** Silver State. **Origin of Name:** Spanish word for "snow clad." **Entered Union:** 1864. **Capital:**

Carson City. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Las Vegas, pop. 327,878. **Area:** 110,561 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,603,163. **White:** 76.4%; **Black:** 6.6%; **Hispanic:** 12.1%; **Native American:** 1.5%; **Asian:** 3.5%. **Chief Industries:** Gambling, tourism, mining, manufacturing. **Governor:** Bob Miller (D). **U.S. Senators:** Richard H. Bryan (D), Harry Reid (D). **U.S. House:** 2 (2R). **Famous Nevadans:** André Agassi, William Morris Stewart, Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins. **Famous Fact:** Nevada gets less rain than any other state.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The wooded mountains of this New England state are celebrated in the poetry of native son Robert Frost.

**Nickname:** Granite State. **Origin of Name:** Named for Hampshire, a county in England. **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital:** Concord. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Manchester, pop. 96,640. **Area:** 9,297 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,162,481. White: 97.2%; Black: 0.6%; Hispanic: 1.2%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 0.9%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, tourism, agriculture. **Governor:** Jeanne Shaheen (D). **U.S. Senators:** Judd Gregg (R), Robert C. Smith (R). **U.S. House:** 2 (2R). **Famous New Hampshireans:** Robert Frost, Daniel Webster, Mary Baker Eddy, President Franklin Pierce, Horace Greeley, David Souter. **Famous Fact:** Mount Washington is the highest peak in the Northeast (6,288 ft.).



## NEW JERSEY

America's most densely populated state. **Nickname:** Garden State. **Origin of Name:** Named after the Isle of Jersey, an English Channel island. **Entered Union:** 1787. **Capital:** Trenton. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Newark, pop. 258,751.

**Area:** 7,787 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 7,987,933. White: 71.5%; Black: 11.0%; Hispanic: 13.0%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 4.3%. **Chief Industries:** Trade, services, manufacturing. **Governor:** Christine Todd Whitman (R). **U.S. Senators:** Robert G. Torricelli (D), Frank R. Lautenberg (D). **U.S. House:** 13 (6D, 7R). **Famous New Jerseyans:** Count Basie, President Grover Cleveland, Thomas Edison, Paul Robeson, Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi. **Famous Fact:** Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb and the phonograph at his laboratory in Menlo Park.



## NEW MEXICO

This state is the rich historical territory of the Apache, Comanche, Navajo, and Pueblo tribes. **Nickname:** Land of Enchantment. **Origin of Name:** For Aztec Indian war god Mexitli. **Entered Union:** 1912. **Capital:** Santa Fe. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Albuquerque, pop. 411,994. **Area:** 121,593 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,713,407. White: 49.8%; Black: 1.9%; Hispanic: 39.1%; Native American: 8.3%; Asian: 1.0%. **Chief Industries:** Mining, tourism, retail trade, government. **Governor:** Gary E. Johnson (R). **U.S. Senators:** Jeff Bingaman (D), Pete V. Domenici (R). **U.S. House:** 3 (3R). **Famous New Mexicans:** Billy the Kid, Georgia O'Keeffe, Demi Moore, Kit Carson. **Famous Fact:** The first atomic bomb was built at Los Alamos in 1945.



## NEW YORK

Though largely rural, the state is dominated by New York City, a world center for finance, trade, and the arts. **Nickname:** Empire State. **Origin of Name:** Honors the English Duke of York. **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital:** Albany. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** New York City, pop. 7,333,253. **Area:** 49,108 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 18,184,774. White: 67.1%; Black: 14.5%; Hispanic: 13.7%; Native American: 0.3%; Asian: 4.4%. **Chief Industries:** Finance, trade, communications, manufacturing. **Governor:** George E. Pataki (R). **U.S. Senators:** Alfonse M. D'Amato (R), Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D). **U.S. House<sup>4</sup>:** 31 (18D, 12R, 1 vacancy). **Famous New Yorkers:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt, L.L. Cool J., Spike Lee, Herman Melville, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. **Famous Fact:** New York City is the U.S.'s biggest city and the nation's financial center.



## NORTH CAROLINA

This state leads all others in tobacco farming and the manufacture of cigarettes. **Nickname:** Tar Heel State. **Origin of Name:** Honors King Charles I of England. **Entered Union:** 1789. **Capital:** Raleigh. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Charlotte, pop. 437,797. **Area:** 52,669 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 7,322,870. White: 74.5%; Black: 22.0%; Hispanic: 1.4%; Native American: 1.2%; Asian: 0.9%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, agriculture, tobacco, tourism. **Governor:** James B. Hunt Jr. (D). **U.S. Senators:** Lauch Faircloth (R), Jesse Helms (R). **U.S. House:** 12 (6D, 6R). **Famous North Carolinians:** President Andrew Jackson, Billy Graham. **Famous Fact:** The world's first successful airplane flight was made in 1903 by the Wright Brothers at Kill Devils Hill.



## NORTH DAKOTA

Tranquil and sparsely populated, this state is covered with ranches and farms. **Nickname:** Flickertail State. **Origin of Name:** Named for Dakota Sioux Indians of the region. **Entered Union:** 1889. **Capital:** Bismarck. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Fargo, pop. 79,715. **Area:** 70,702 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 643,539. White: 93.7%; Black: 0.5%; Hispanic: 0.8%; Native American: 4.2%; Asian: 0.7%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, mining, food processing. **Governor:** Edward T. Schafer (R). **U.S. Senators:** Byron L. Dorgan (D), Kent Conrad (D). **U.S. House:** 1 (D). **Famous North Dakotans:** Louis L'Amour, Angie Dickinson, Lawrence Welk, Peggy Lee. **Famous Fact:** The geographic center of North America is located near the town of Rugby.



## OHIO

This state has long been one of America's industrial leaders. **Nickname:** Buckeye State. **Origin of Name:** Iroquois Indian word meaning "something great." **Entered Union:** 1803. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Columbus, pop. 635,913. **Area:** 41,330 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 11,172,782. White: 86.5%; Black: 11.0%; Hispanic: 1.4%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 0.9%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, trade, services. **Governor:** George V. Voinovich (R). **U.S. Senators:** John Glenn (D), Mike DeWine (R). **U.S. House:** 19 (6D, 11R). **Famous Ohioans:** Neil Armstrong, Paul Newman, Pete Rose, Tracy Chapman, Toni Morrison. **Famous Fact:** Eight U.S. Presidents have come from Ohio: Grant, Garfield, Hayes, McKinley, Harding, Taft, William Henry Harrison, and Benjamin Harrison.



## OKLAHOMA

During the 1930s, Oklahoma was devastated by drought. Today, the state is a major food producer. **Nickname:** Sooner State. **Origin of Name:** Choctaw Indian words *okla*, meaning "people," and *homma*, meaning "red." **Entered Union:** 1907. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Oklahoma City, pop. 463,201. **Area:** 69,956 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,300,902. White: 80.4%; Black: 7.5%; Hispanic: 3.1%; Native American: 7.8%; Asian: 1.2%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, mineral and energy exploration, agriculture. **Governor:** Frank Keating (R). **U.S. Senators:** James N. Inhofe (R), Don Nickles (R). **U.S. House:** 6 (6R). **Famous Oklahomans:** Hanson, Ralph Ellison, Mickey Mantle, Will Rogers, Brad Pitt. **Famous Fact:** More than 60 different Native American tribes live in Oklahoma.



## OREGON

A striking Pacific coastline highlights Oregon's great natural beauty. **Nickname:** Beaver State. **Origin of Name:** From the French word *ouragan*, meaning "hurricane." **Entered Union:** 1859. **Capital:** Salem. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Portland, pop. 450,777. **Area:** 97,073 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,203,735. White: 89.8%; Black: 1.7%; Hispanic: 4.6%; Native American: 1.3%; Asian: 2.7%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, high technology. **Governor:** John A. Kitzhaber (D). **U.S. Senators:** Gordon Smith (R), Ron Wyden (D). **U.S. House:** 5 (4D, 1R). **Famous Oregonians:** Chief Joseph, Linus Pauling, John Reed, Mary Decker Slaney. **Famous Fact:** Crater Lake is the deepest lake (1,932 ft.) in the U.S.



## PENNSYLVANIA

The U.S. Constitution was signed in Philadelphia in 1787, and from 1790 to 1800 the city served as the nation's capital. **Nickname:** Keystone State. **Origin of Name:** In honor of Sir William Penn, the founder of the colony. **Entered Union:** 1787. **Capital:** Harrisburg. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Philadelphia, pop. 1,524,249. **Area:** 45,308 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 12,059,112. White: 87.0%; Black: 9.3%; Hispanic: 2.2%; Native American: 0.1%; Asian: 1.4%. **Chief Industries:** Steel, apparel, machinery, food and agriculture. **Governor:** Tom Ridge (R). **U.S. Senators:** Arlen Specter (R), Rick Santorum (R). **U.S. House:** 21 (11D, 10R). **Famous Pennsylvanians:** President James Buchanan, Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, Will Smith, Bill Cosby. **Famous Fact:** The world's largest chocolate factory is in Hershey.



## RHODE ISLAND

America's smallest state is a manufacturing giant, particularly in textiles and jewelry. **Nickname:** Ocean State or Little Rhody. **Origin of Name:** For the Greek island of Rhodes, for its red clay. **Entered Union:** 1790. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Providence, pop. 150,659. **Area:** 1,212 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 990,225. White: 88.2%; Black: 3.8%; Hispanic: 5.8%; Native American: 0.4%; Asian: 2.0%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, services. **Governor:** Lincoln Almond (R). **U.S. Senators:** John H. Chafee (R), Jack Reed (D). **U.S. House:** 2 (2D). **Famous Rhode Islanders:** George M. Cohan, Matthew C. Perry, Oliver Perry, Gilbert Stuart. **Famous Fact:** Rhode Island was the first colony to declare independence from Britain, in May 1776.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

Millions of tourists flock to South Carolina's graceful historic towns and ocean beaches. **Nickname:** Palmetto State. **Origin of Name:** In honor of King Charles I of England. **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Columbia, pop. 104,101. **Area:** 31,113 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,698,746. White: 68.1%; Black: 30.0%; Hispanic: 1.0%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 0.7%. **Chief Industries:** Tourism, textiles, apparel, manufacturing. **Governor:** David M. Beasley (R). **U.S. Senators:** Ernest F. Hollings (D), Strom Thurmond (R). **U.S. House:** 6 (2D, 4R). **Famous South Carolinians:** John C. Calhoun, Althea Gibson, Jesse Jackson, Dizzy Gillespie. **Famous Fact:** More Revolutionary War battles were fought in South Carolina than in any other state.



## SOUTH DAKOTA

One of the nation's leading agricultural states. **Nickname:** Coyote State. **Origin of Name:** Named for Dakota Indians of the region. **Entered Union:** 1889. **Capital:** Pierre. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Sioux Falls, pop. 109,174. **Area:** 77,116 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 732,405. White: 90.8%; Black: 0.5%; Hispanic: 0.9%; Native American: 7.3%; Asian: 0.5%. **Chief Industries:** Agriculture, manufacturing, tourism. **Governor:** William J. Janklow (R). **U.S. Senators:** Tom Daschle (D), Tim Johnson (D). **U.S. House:** 1 (R). **Famous South Dakotans:** Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, George McGovern, Tom Brokaw. **Famous Fact:** The Homestake Mine in the town of Lead, opened in 1876, is the world's oldest operating gold mine.



## TENNESSEE

The cities of Memphis and Nashville are famous for country music and the blues. **Nickname:** Volunteer State. **Origin of Name:** From *Tanasie*, the name of a Cherokee Indian village. **Entered Union:** 1796. **Capital:** Nashville. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Memphis, pop. 614,289. **Area:** 42,114 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,319,654. White: 82.1%; Black: 16.1%; Hispanic: 0.8%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 0.8%. **Chief Industries:** Trade, services, manufacturing, construction. **Governor:** Don Sundquist (R). **U.S. Senators:** Fred Thompson (R), Bill Frist (R). **U.S. House:** 9 (4D, 5R). **Famous Tennesseans:** Davy Crockett, Dolly Parton, Aretha Franklin. **Famous Fact:** From 1784 to 1788, eastern Tennessee was a separate state, called Franklin, after Benjamin Franklin.



## TEXAS

Our second-largest state is home to some of America's biggest high-tech and finance industries. **Nickname:** Lone Star State. **Origin of Name:** From Caddo Indian word meaning "friends." **Entered Union:** 1845. **Capital:** Austin. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Houston, pop. 1,702,086. **Area:** 266,307 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 19,128,261. White: 58.6%; Black: 11.6%; Hispanic: 27.3%; Native American: 0.3%; Asian: 2.1%. **Chief Industries:** Petroleum, manufacturing, trade, agriculture. **Governor:** George W. Bush (R). **U.S. Senators:** Kay Bailey Hutchison (R), Phil Gramm (R). **U.S. House:** 30 (17D, 13R). **Famous Texans:** Jennifer Love Hewitt, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Barbara Jordan, Willie Nelson. **Famous Fact:** More land is farmed in Texas than in any other state.



## UTAH

Mormon Church members were the first settlers in Utah in 1847. Today, Mormons still make up about 70% of Utah's population. **Nickname:** Beehive State. **Origin of Name:** Named for the Ute Indians of the region. **Entered Union:** 1896. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Salt Lake City, pop. 171,849. **Area:** 84,899 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 2,000,494. White: 90.3%; Black: 0.7%; Hispanic: 5.5%; Native American: 1.4%; Asian: 2.2%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, tourism, mining. **Governor:** Mike O. Leavitt (R). **U.S. Senators:** Robert F. Bennett (R), Orrin G. Hatch (R). **U.S. House:** 3 (3R). **Famous Utahans:** Brigham Young, Roseanne. **Famous Fact:** The Great Salt Lake is four times as salty as any ocean.



## VERMONT

Has the second-lowest percentage of city dwellers of any state, yet is one of the fastest-growing states in the East. **Nickname:** Green Mountain State. **Origin of Name:** From the French words *vert* (green) and *mont* (mountain). **Entered Union:** 1791. **Capital:** Montpelier. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Burlington, pop. 38,306. **Area:** 9,614 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 588,654. White: 98.0%; Black: 0.4%; Hispanic: 0.7%; Native American: 0.3%; Asian: 0.7%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, tourism, retail trade, agriculture, government. **Governor:** Howard Dean (D). **U.S. Senators:** James M. Jeffords (R), Patrick J. Leahy (D). **U.S. House:** 1 (1)<sup>3</sup>. **Famous Vermonters:** Ethan Allen, Presidents Chester A. Arthur and Calvin Coolidge. **Famous Fact:** The first state to allow all men to vote, not just those who owned property.

## VIRGINIA

Home of the first English settlement and site of the surrender of the Confederacy, Virginia elected the nation's first black Governor in 1989. **Nickname:** Old Dominion. **Origin of Name:** Honors England's Queen Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen." **Entered Union:** 1788. **Capital:** Richmond. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Virginia Beach, pop. 430,295. **Area:** 40,767 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 6,675,451. White: 74.6%; Black: 19.3%; Hispanic: 3.0%; Native American: 0.2%; Asian: 3.0%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing. **Governor<sup>4</sup>:** George Allen (R). **U.S. Senators:** Charles S. Robb (D), John W. Warner (R). **U.S. House:** 11 (6D, 5R). **Famous Virginians:** Grant ... Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, Booker T. Washington, Robert E. Lee. **Famous Fact:** The birthplace of eight Presidents.

## WASHINGTON

With its natural beauty and strong economy, Washington is often called the "most livable" state. **Nickname:** Evergreen State. **Origin of Name:** Named after George Washington. **Entered Union:** 1889. **Capital:** Olympia. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Seattle, pop. 520,947. **Area:** 68,139 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,532,939. White: 85.3%; Black: 3.1%; Hispanic: 5.0%; Native American: 1.6%; Asian: 4.9%. **Chief Industries:** Aerospace, forest products, primary metals, agriculture. **Governor:** Gary Locke (D). **U.S. Senators:** Slade Gorton (R), Patty Murray (D). **U.S. House:** 9 (3D, 6R). **Famous Washingtonians:** Bill Gates, William O. Douglas, Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain. **Famous Fact:** Washington is the only state named for a President.

### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> Based on 1994 population estimates.

<sup>2</sup> State population figures are 1996 estimates. Racial breakdowns based on 1994 population estimates, the latest figures available. Native American includes American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts. Asian includes Pacific Islanders. Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race. Because Hispanics often report their race as well as their ethnicity in Census surveys, population breakdowns by race and ethnicity may not always add up to 100%.

<sup>3</sup> Independent.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to change based on November 1997 elections.

general, famous persons from a state were born or raised in that state. In some cases, individuals are listed as being from their adopted state if they are closely associated with that state.

Sources: Congressional Quarterly, Inc.; National Governors' Association; U.S. Bureau of the Census; The League of Women Voters.



## WEST VIRGINIA

The state's history has been marked by labor struggles between coal miners and coal companies. **Nickname:** Mountain State. **Origin of Name:** Honors England's Queen Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen." **Entered Union:** 1863. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Charleston, pop. 56,533. **Area:** 24,231 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,825,754. White: 95.8%; Black: 3.1%; Hispanic: 0.5%; Native American: 0.1%; Asian: 0.5%. **Chief Industries:** Mining, mineral and chemical production. **Governor:** Cecil Underwood (R). **U.S. Senators:** Robert C. Byrd (D), John D. Rockefeller IV (D). **U.S. House:** 3 (3D). **Famous West Virginians:** "Stonewall" Jackson, Chuck Yeager. **Famous Fact:** Parkersburg makes most of the nation's glass marbles.

## WISCONSIN

Its tremendous output of dairy products has earned Wisconsin the title "America's Dairyland." **Nickname:** Badger State. **Origin of Name:** Indian word *ouisconsin*, meaning "grassy place." **Entered Union:** 1848. **Capital:** Madison. **Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Milwaukee, pop. 617,644. **Area:** 56,153 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 5,159,795. White: 90.4%; Black: 5.3%; Hispanic: 2.2%; Native American: 0.8%; Asian: 1.3%. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, agriculture, trade, tourism. **Governor:** Tommy G. Thompson (R). **U.S. Senators:** Russel D. Feingold (D), Herb H. Kohl (D). **U.S. House:** 9 (5D, 4R). **Famous Wisconsinites:** Spencer Tracy, Orson Welles, Laura Ingalls Wilder. **Famous Fact:** The first U.S. kindergarten opened in Wisconsin in 1856.

## WYOMING

Cowboys still ride the open range in Wyoming's mountains, plains, and valleys. **Nickname:** Equality State. **Origin of Name:** From Delaware Indian word meaning "upon the great plain." **Entered Union:** 1890. **Capital, Largest City<sup>1</sup>:** Cheyenne, pop. 53,559. **Area:** 97,809 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>2</sup>:** 481,400. White: 91.0%; Black: 0.6%; Hispanic: 5.6%; Native American: 1.9%; Asian: 0.6%. **Chief Industries:** Mineral extraction, tourism and recreation, agriculture. **Governor:** Jim Geringer (R). **U.S. Senators:** Michael Enzi (R), Craig Thomas (R). **U.S. House:** 1 (R). **Famous Wyomingites:** Buffalo Bill Cody, James Bridger, Jackson Pollock. **Famous Fact:** In 1869, Wyoming women became the first in the U.S. to have the right to vote.

# U.S. TERRITORIES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In addition to the 50 states, the U.S. has five territories gained through conquest or treaty. Puerto Rico and Guam, for example, were captured from Spain after the Spanish-American War of 1898.

Each of these territorial possessions today is legally classified as "unincorporated." That is, each belongs to the U.S. but is not a part of (has not been incorporated into) the nation, as is each of the 50 states. Most U.S. possessions have been granted a considerable measure of self-

government. Puerto Rico, for example, is part of the U.S. for the purposes of international trade, foreign policy, and war, but has its own separate laws, taxes, and government. In addition, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands are represented in the U.S. House of Representatives by elected delegates. The delegates may vote in House committees and on all matters except the final passage of legislation.

The District of Columbia is a federal district, set aside by the Constitution as

the nation's capital. In 1964, District citizens were granted the right to vote in Presidential elections. In 1971, their delegate got a seat in the House of Representatives. Although they have had an elected local government since 1973, a board created by Congress in 1995 now controls most of the city's government.

Any of the territories can petition the federal government to become a state. But only Congress has the power to admit new states. In 1993, Puerto Ricans narrowly voted to remain a commonwealth. ■



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Origin of Name:** Named for Christopher Columbus. **Established:** 1800, when the government moved from Philadelphia to Washington. **Status:** Federal District of the United States. **Area:** 68 sq. mi. **Population (1996)<sup>1</sup>:** 543,213. White: 27.6%; Black: 63.0%; Hispanic: 6.9%; Asian: 2.3%; Native American: 0.2%. **Chief Industries:** Government, communications. **Mayor:** Marion Barry (D). **Congressional Delegate:** Eleanor Holmes Norton (D). **Famous "Districters":** Duke Ellington, Connie Chung. **Famous Fact:** The U.S. had 36 Presidents before Washington, D.C., citizens were first allowed to vote for one in 1964.

## COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

**Origin of Name:** Spanish for "rich port." **Acquired:** 1898, after the Spanish-American War. **Status:** Self-governing commonwealth, freely associated with the U.S. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but cannot vote in national elections. **Location:** Easternmost island of the Greater Antilles in the West Indies. **Capital:** San Juan. **Area:** 3,434 sq. mi. **Population (1997)<sup>2</sup>:** 3,828,506. **Chief Industries:** Manufacturing, agriculture, tourism. **Governor:** Dr. Pedro Rosselló (D), New Progressive Party. **Congressional Delegate:** Carlos A. Romero-Barceló (D). **Famous Puerto Ricans:** Roberto Clemente, Raul Julia. **Famous Fact:** Puerto Rico was the second island in the New World visited by Columbus in 1493.

## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Origin of Name:** Named for Mariana of Austria, the Regent of Spain. **Acquired:** 1947. **Status:** Self-governing commonwealth. **Location:** Pacific Ocean. **Capital:** Saipan. **Area:** 184 sq. mi. **Population (1997)<sup>2</sup>:** 63,765. **Chief Industries:** Tourism, light industry. **Governor<sup>3</sup>:** Froilan C. Tenorio (D).



## AMERICAN SAMOA

**Origin of Name:** Ancient Pacific deity. **Date Acquired:** 1900. **Status:** Territory. **Location:** Pacific Ocean. **Capital:** Pago Pago. **Area:** 76 sq. mi. **Population (1997)<sup>2</sup>:** 63,319. **Chief Industries:** Fish, handicrafts, citrus fruits. **Governor:** Tauese P. Sunia (D). **Congressional Delegate:** Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D).



## GUAM

**Origin of Name:** Guajan, meaning "we have" in local dialect. **Acquired:** 1898. **Status:** Territory of the U.S. The people of Guam are citizens of the U.S. but cannot vote in national elections. **Location:** Largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands in the West Pacific. **Capital:** Agaña. **Area:** 212 sq. mi. **Population (1997)<sup>2</sup>:** 160,595. **Chief Industries:** Tourism, construction, banking. **Governor:** Carl T.C. Gutierrez (D). **Congressional Delegate:** Robert A. Underwood (D).



## VIRGIN ISLANDS (ST. CROIX, ST. THOMAS, ST. JOHN)

**Origin of Name:** From the Virgins of Saint Ursula, an early religious order. **Acquired:** 1917. Purchased from Denmark. **Status:** Territory. Virgin Islanders are citizens of the U.S. but cannot vote in national elections. **Location:** 70 miles east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean. **Capital:** Charlotte Amalie. **Area:** 132 sq. mi. **Population (1997)<sup>2</sup>:** 11,684. **Chief Industries:** Tourism, rum, petroleum refining. **Governor:** Roy L. Schneider (R). **Congressional Delegate:** Donna M. Christian-Green (D).

### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> Population figure is 1996 estimate. Racial breakdown based on 1994 population estimate, the latest figures available.

<sup>2</sup> Figures are estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to change based on November 1997 election.