



The Southeast Region





ALABAMA

Capital City: Montgomery

Statehood: December 14, 1819 – It is the 22nd State

State Motto: Audemus jura nostra defendere –
Latin meaning: We Dare Defend Our Rights

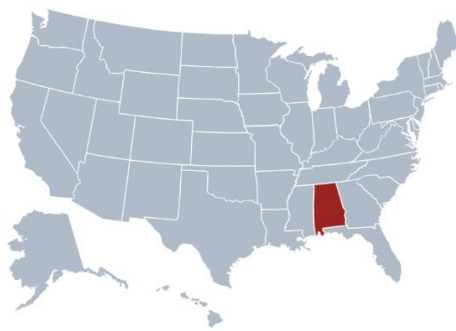
Nickname: The Yellowhammer State

Population: 4,849,377 – Rank 23 of 50

Did You Know? Dothan is the Peanut Capital of the World. Fifty percent of all the peanuts produced in the U.S. are grown within 100 miles of there.

The first statue ever erected in honor of an insect pest – The Boll Weevil Monument, is in Enterprise!

Huntsville is home to the U.S. Space Agency (NASA) Rocket & Space Center.





ARKANSAS

Capital City: Little Rock

Statehood: June 15, 1836 – It is the 25th State

State Motto: *Regnat populus* – Latin Meaning: The People Rule

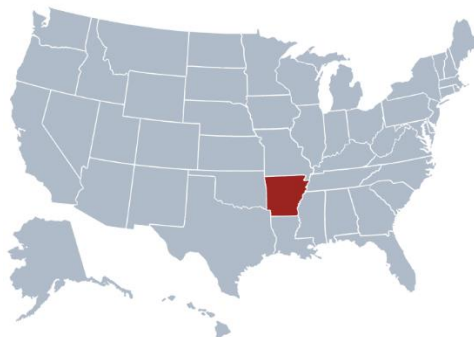
Nickname: The Natural State

Population: 2,966,369 – Rank 32 of 50

Did You Know? Arkansas is home to the only active diamond mine in the United States. The diamond in the state gem.

Little Rock got its name from a natural stone landmark on the bank of the Arkansas River. There was also a "Big Rock" located further upstream.

Arkansas elected the first female to the U.S. Senate - Hattie Caraway - in 1932.





FLORIDA

Capital City: Tallahassee

Statehood: March 3, 1845 – It is the 27th State

State Motto: In God We Trust

Nickname: The Sunshine State

Population: 19,893,297 – Rank 3 of 50

Did You Know? St. Augustine is the oldest European settlement in North America.

Florida is home to NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center.

More passenger ships pass through the Port of Miami than any other city in the United States.

Florida is not the southernmost state in the United States. Hawaii is farther south.





GEORGIA

Capital City: Atlanta

Statehood: January 2, 1788 – It is the 4th State

State Motto: Wisdom, Justice, Moderation

Nickname: The Peach State

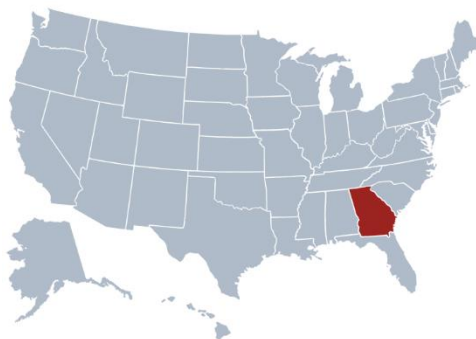
Population: 10,097,343 – Rank 8 of 50

Did You Know? The first steamship in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean was from Georgia – The S.S. Savannah in 1819.

Georgia was named in honor of King George II of England.

Known as the sweetest onion in the world, the Vidalia onion can only be grown in the fields around Vidalia and Glennville.

Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River.





KENTUCKY

Capital City: Frankfort

Statehood: June 1, 1792 – It is the 15th State

State Mottos: United We Stand, Divided We Fall;
Deo gratiam habeamus – Latin Meaning: Let Us
be Grateful to God

Nickname: The Bluegrass State

Population: 4,413,457 – Rank 26 of 50

Did You Know? More than \$6 billion of gold is held in the underground vaults of Fort Knox – the largest amount of gold stored anywhere in the world!

Its name is from an Iroquoian word "Ken-tah-ten" meaning "land of tomorrow."

Middlesboro is the only city in the U.S. built within a meteor crater.





LOUISIANA

Capital City: Baton Rouge

Statehood: April 30, 1812 – It is the 18th State

State Motto: Union, Justice, Confidence

Nickname: The Pelican State

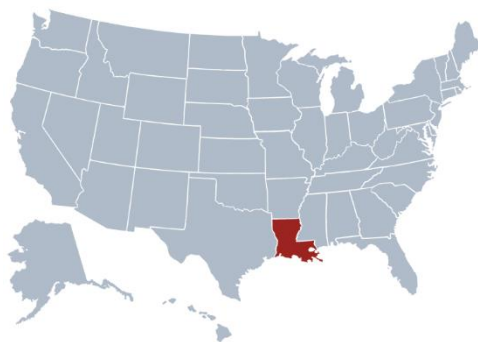
Population: 4,649,676 – Rank 25 of 50

Did You Know? Louisiana has the longest coastline (15,000 miles) of any state and 41 percent of the nation's wetlands.

The town of Jean Lafitte was once a hideaway for pirates!

The state was named in honor of Louis XIV of France.

Louisiana is the only state in the union that does not have counties. Its political subdivisions are called parishes.





MISSISSIPPI

Capital City: Jackson

Statehood: December 10, 1817 – It is the 20th State

State Motto: *Virtute et armis* – Latin Meaning: By Valor and Arms

Nickname: The Magnolia State

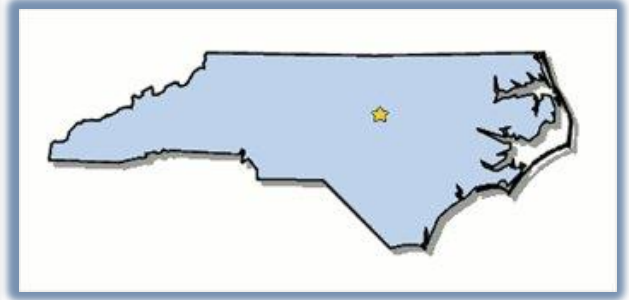
Population: 2,994,079 – Rank 31 of 50

Did You Know? Nearly 60% of Mississippi is covered by forests, and more than 100 species of trees are found in the state.

Root beer was invented in Biloxi in 1898 by Edward Adolf Barq, Sr.

Named after the river, its name comes from Native American folklore. The translation of the Chippewa (or Ojibwa) words "mici zibi" meaning "great river" or "gathering in of all the waters" and the Algonquin word "Messipi."





NORTH CAROLINA

Capital City: Raleigh

Statehood: November 21, 1789– It is the 12th State

State Motto: *Esse quam videri* – Latin Meaning: To Be, Rather Than to Seem

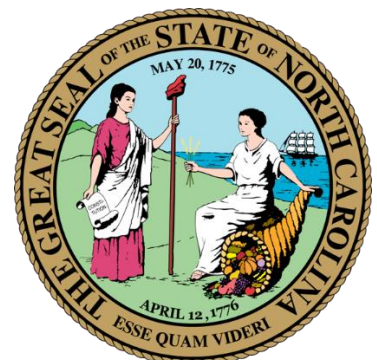
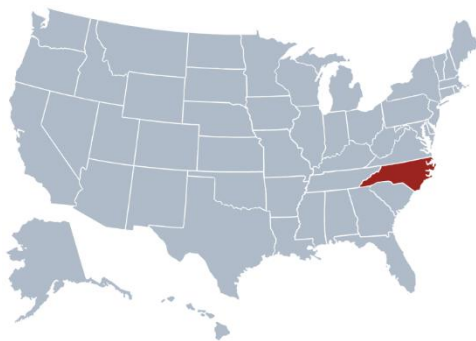
Nickname: The Tar Heel State

Population: 9,943,964 – Rank 9 of 50

Did You Know? Founded by Walter Raleigh, the first English colony in America was located on Roanoke Island. The colony mysteriously vanished with no trace except for the word "Croatoan" scrawled on a nearby tree.

In 1903 the Wright Brothers made the first successful powered flight by man at Kill Devil Hill near Kitty Hawk.

North Carolina is the largest producer of sweet potatoes in the nation.





SOUTH CAROLINA

Capital City: Columbia

Statehood: May 23, 1788 – It is the 8th State

State Motto: Dum spiro spero

Animis opibusque parati – Latin Meaning: While I Breathe, I Hope Ready in Soul and Resource

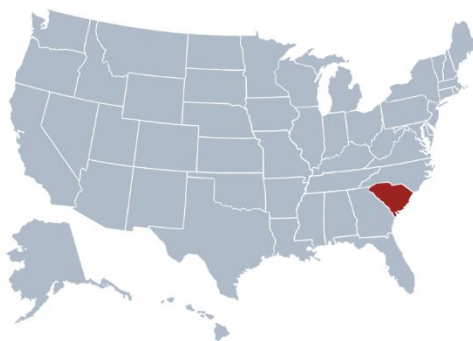
Nickname: The Palmetto State

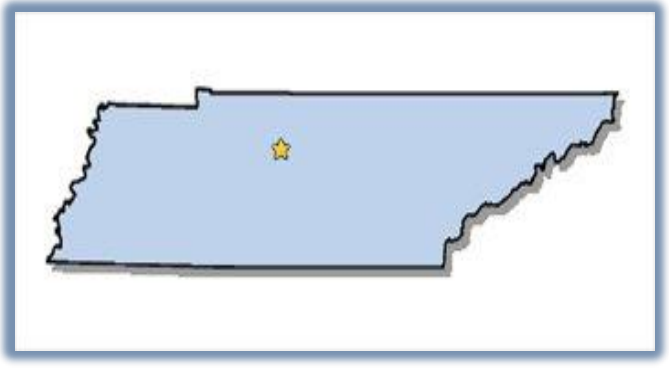
Population: 4,832,482 – Rank 24 of 50

Did You Know? South Carolina was first settled by the Spanish in 1566 and later became an English colony.

The state was the first to secede from the Union before the Civil War. The first battle of the Civil War took place at Fort Sumter.

South Carolina has some towns with unusual names like Coward, Due West, Nine Times, Ninety Six, Southern Shops, South of the Border, and Welcome.





TENNESSEE

Capital City: Nashville

Statehood: June 1, 1796 – It is the 16th State

State Motto: Agriculture and Commerce

Nickname: The Volunteer State

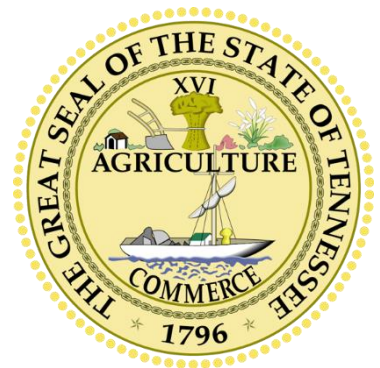
Population: 6,549,352 – Rank 17 of 50

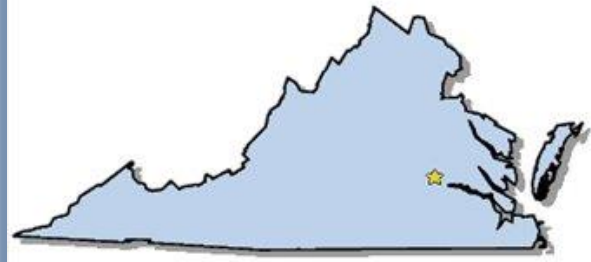
Did You Know? "The Volunteer State" nickname originated during the War of 1812, in which the volunteer soldiers from Tennessee serving under General Andrew Jackson displayed marked valor in the Battle of New Orleans.

Nashville, is known as "Music City" – the country music capital of the world.

Tennessee was the last state to secede from the Union during the Civil War and the first state to be readmitted after the war.

The capitol building was designed by noted architect William Strickland, who died during its construction and is buried within its walls.





VIRGINIA

Capital City: Richmond

Statehood: June 25, 1788 – It is the 10th State

State Motto: Sic semper tyrannis – Latin Meaning:
Thus Always to Tyrants

Nickname: The Old Dominion State

Population: 8,326,289 – Rank 12 of 50

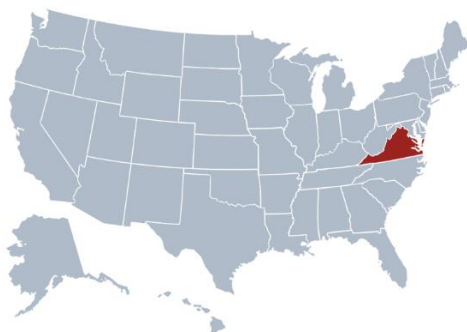
Did You Know? Virginia was the site of the surrenders ending the American Revolution (Yorktown) and the Civil War (Appomattox).

The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is in Arlington National Cemetery.

Virginia is known as "the birthplace of a nation." Patrick Henry made his "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech in St. John's Church in Richmond.

The Pentagon building in Arlington is the largest office building in the world.

Richmond was also the capital of the Confederate States during the Civil War.





WEST VIRGINIA

Capital City: Charleston

Statehood: June 20, 1863 – It is the 35th State

State Motto: Montani semper liberi – Latin
Meaning: Mountaineers are Always Free

Nickname: The Mountain State

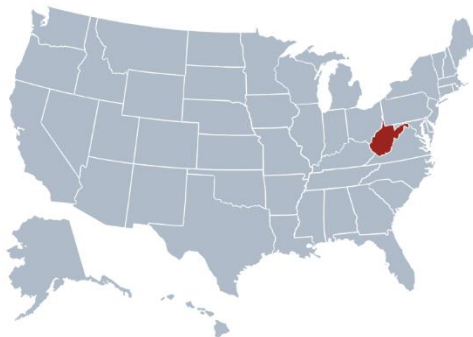
Population: 1,850,326 – Rank 38 of 50

Did You Know? West Virginia was a part of Virginia until Virginia seceded from the Union in 1861. The delegates of the 40 western counties who opposed secession formed their own government, and were granted statehood in 1863.

West Virginia is the second-largest coal producing state in the country.

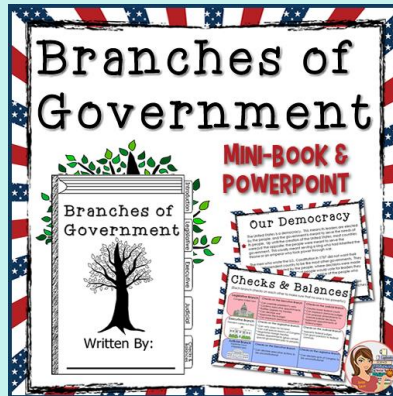
The first state sales tax in the U.S. went into effect in West Virginia in 1921.

Declared a state by President Abraham Lincoln, West Virginia is the only state to be designated by Presidential Proclamation.



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