



# States. Regional Divisions

Today the United States is the fourth largest country in the world, in both size and population. The U.S. is divided into 50 states. The United States did not always have so many states. At first there were 13. As the United States grew, more states joined the union. The last two states to join were Alaska and Hawaii. They both joined in 1959.

The states are grouped into 4 regions and 9 divisions (according to the United States Census Bureau):

Northeast	
New England	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Mid-Atlantic	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
Midwest	
East North Central	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
West North Central	Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
South	
South Atlantic	Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia
East South Central	Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee
West South Central	Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
West	
Mountain	Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
Pacific	Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington

Puerto Rico and other US territories are not part of any census region or census division.

*Source: What it is like in the USA (Natalia Tokareva, Victor Peppard) + Wikipedia*