

Silly facts about the 50 states

Alabama - The town of Enterprise houses the Boll Weevil Monument to acknowledge the roll this destructive insect played in encouraging farmers to grow crops other than cotton.

Alaska - A geographical marvel. When a scale map of Alaska is superimposed on a map of the 48 lower states, Alaska extends from coast to coast.

Arizona - The cactus wren is the official state bird. It grows seven to eight inches long and likes to build nests in the protection of thorny desert plants like the arms of the giant saguaro cactus.

Arkansas - The World's Championship Duck Calling Contest is held annually in Stuttgart.

California - Fallbrook is known as the Avocado Capital of the World and hosts an annual Avocado Festival. More avocados are grown in the region than any other county in the nation.

Colorado - Dove Creek is the "Pinto Bean" capital of the world.

Connecticut - In colonial New Haven cut pumpkins were used as guides for haircuts to ensure a round uniform style. Because of this fashion, these New Englanders were nicknamed "pumpkin-heads".

Delaware - Delmar is popularized as the little town too big for one state. The community has the distinction of being located partly in Delaware and partly in Maryland.

Florida - Miami installed the first automated teller machine especially for rollerbladers.

Georgia - The pirate Edward "Blackbeard" Teach made a home on Blackbeard Island. The United States Congress designated the Blackbeard Island Wilderness Area in 1975 and it now has 3,000 acres.

Hawaii - There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet. Vowels: A, E, I, O & U.
Consonants: H, K, L, M, N, P & W.

Idaho - Law forbids a citizen to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds.

Illinois - The Chicago Post Office at 433 West Van Buren is the only postal facility in the world you can drive a car through.

Indiana - Santa Claus, Indiana receives over one half million letters and requests at Christmas time.

Iowa - The National Balloon Museum in Indianola chronicles more than 200 years of ballooning.

Kansas - A ball of twine in Cawker City measures 38' in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 pounds and is still growing.

Kentucky - Post-It Notes are manufactured exclusively in Cynthiana. The exact number made annually of these popular notes is a trade secret.

Louisiana - Biting someone with your natural teeth is considered a simple assault, but biting someone with your false teeth is considered an aggravated assault.

Maine - In Wilton there's a cannery that imports an cans only dandelion greens.

Maryland - Havre de Grace is known as the decoy capital of the world.

Massachusetts - There is a house in Rockport built entirely of newspaper.

Michigan - Colon is home to the world's largest manufacturer of magic supplies.

Minnesota - For Many years, the world's largest twine ball has sat in Darwin. It weighs 17,400 pounds, is twelve feet in diameter, and was the creation of Francis A. Johnson.

Mississippi - The world's largest shrimp is on display at the Old Spanish Fort Museum in Pascagoula.

Missouri - The tallest man in documented medical history was Robert Pershing Wadlow from St. Louis. He was 8 feet, 11.1 inches tall.

Montana - The elk, deer and antelope populations outnumber humans.

Nebraska - The largest porch swing in the world is located in Hebron, NE and cat sit 25 adults.

Nevada - is the only state with an entire museum devoted to the life and time of entertainer Liberace.

New Hampshire - The Blue Ghost of Wolfeboro is the U.S. Mail Boat for Lake Winnepesaukee. It makes a daily 60-mile loop delivering mail to 30 stops at camps and islands around the lake.

New Mexico - Las Cruces makes the world's largest enchilada the first weekend in October at the "Whole Enchilada Fiesta"

New Jersey - Has a spoon museum featuring over 5,400 spoons from every state and almost every nation.

New York - Power Mill Park situated outside Rochester has a house on Park Road shaped like a group of mushrooms.

North Carolina - Morehead City is home to the North Carolina Seafood Festival, held the first weekend in October every year.

North Dakota - Max G. Taubert of Casselton built a 50 foot high pyramid of empty oil cans. It is believed to be the highest oil can structure in the world.

Ohio - "Hang on Sloopy" is the official state rock song.

Oklahoma - An Oklahoman Sylvan Goldman, invented the first shopping cart.

Oregon - Has more ghost towns than any other state.

Pennsylvania - In Hazleton, there is a law on the books that prohibits a person from sipping a carbonated drink while lecturing students in a school auditorium.

Rhode Island - The world's largest bug is on the roof of the New England Pest Control in Providence. It is a big blue termite 58 feet long and 928 times actual termite size.

South Carolina - The Board of Public Works in Gaffney built an elevated water storage tank in the shape of a peach in 1981.

South Dakota - Clark is the Potato Capital of South Dakota. Clark is home to the world famous Mashed Potato Wrestling contest.

Tennessee - The world's largest artificial skiing surface is located at the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort in Gatlinburg. There is a 5-acre artificial ski surface which permits skiing in any type of weather.

Texas - Amarillo has the world's largest helium well.

Utah - The average snowfall in the mountains near Salt Lake is 500 inches.

Vermont - Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Company gives their ice cream waste to the local Vermont farmers who use it to feed their hogs. The hogs seem to like all the flavors except Mint Oreo.

Virginia - The world's only oyster museum is on Chincoteague Island.

Washington - Everett is the site of the world's largest building. Boeing's final assembly plant.

West Virginia - Coal House, the only residence in the world build entirely of coal, is located in White Sulphur Springs. The house was occupied on June 1, 1961.

Wisconsin - The Hamburger Hall of Fame is located in Seymour.

Wyoming - The first Dude Ranch in Wyoming was the Eaton Ranch, near Wolf. The Eaton's came up with the term "duide".