

# Regions of the U.S.

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*Map showing the regions of the **United States**.  
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The **United States** is made up of 50 **states**. These **states** are divided into regions. Regions are based on location. **States** that are next to each other may be in the same region. **States** in a region might have the same geography. They might have the same **climate**, too.

Maps show the regions of the **United States**. These regions are not the same on all maps, though. Most maps show five regions, but some show six. Sometimes a map will show a state in a different region. For example, the state of Maryland is often in the Northeast region. But on some maps, it is in the Southeast region.

The five regions of the **United States** are the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West.

## Northeast Region

Eleven **states** are in the Northeast region. They are Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

**States** in this region have a similar **climate**. Most have cool or warm summers. They have cold winters. It snows during the winter.

Many of these **states** are near the Atlantic Ocean. They are near the Appalachian Mountains. The **states** in the North are close to the Great Lakes.

## Southeast Region

Twelve **states** are in the Southeast region. They are West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Florida.

**States** in this region have hot summers. Some have warm winters. In the summer and fall, they might have hurricanes. These are powerful storms. Hurricanes can cause a lot of damage.

The Appalachian Mountains are in the Southeast region. Most of these **states** are near the Atlantic Ocean. Some are near the Gulf of Mexico.

## Midwest Region

Twelve **states** are in the Midwest region. They are Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

It is often humid in this region. Most **states** get snow in the winter.

The Great Lakes and the Great Plains are in this region.

## Southwest Region

Four **states** are in the Southwest region. They are Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona.

The **climate** in this region varies. In some **states**, it is humid. In others, it is like a desert. It does not rain often in this region.

The Rocky Mountains are in the Southwest region. The Grand Canyon and Colorado River are in this region, too.

## West Region

Eleven **states** are in the West region. They are Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, California, Alaska, and Hawaii.

The **climate** in this region varies. In some **states**, it does not often rain. Others have hot summers and cool, wet winters. Some **states**, such as Nevada and parts of California, have a desert **climate**.

The Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada Mountains are in this region. The Mohave Desert is, too. The Pacific Ocean is near some of these **states**.