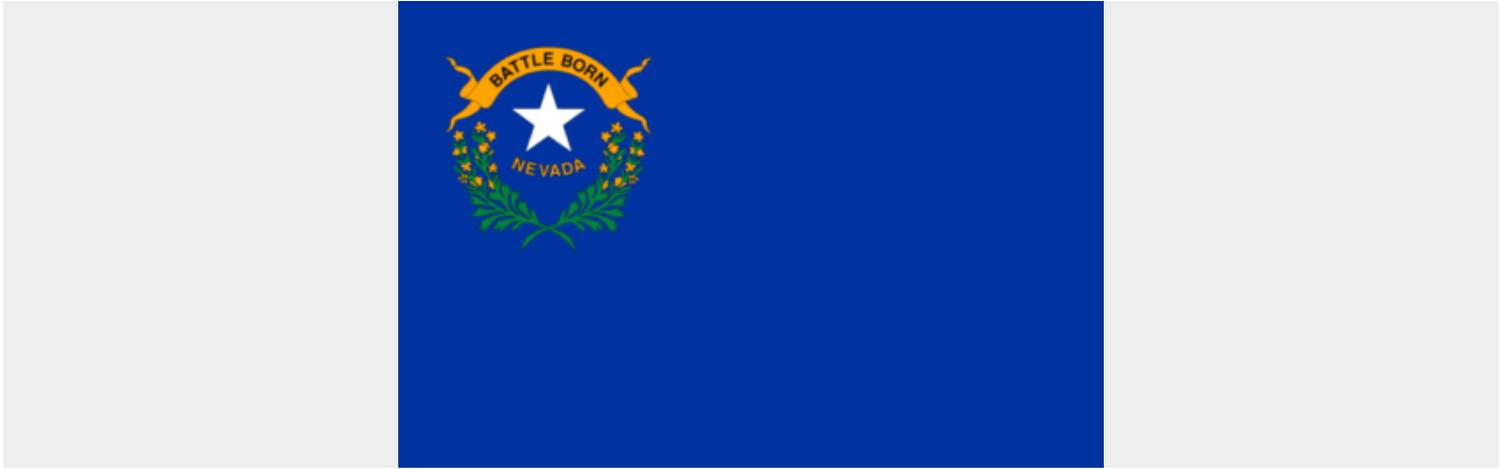


# NEVADA

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Nevada is a constituent state located in the Western region of the United States. The name is derived from the Spanish term "Sierra Nevada," which means "snow-covered mountain range", or "snow-clad" and refers to the snow-capped peaks of Sierra Nevada. Nevada is officially nicknamed *The Silver State* in 1859 when silver was discovered in Nevada for the first time. Silver (Ag) was selected as the official state metal of Nevada in 1977. Another nickname of the state is *Sagebrush State* because of its massive growth of wild sage. In 1917, Nevada declared the Sagebrush its official state flower. Nevada is also known as the *Battle Born State* as it became a state during the Civil War in 1864.

Nevada was once inhabited by tribes of American Indians from the Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe. In 1519, Spain claimed the area. However, after Mexico's independence from Spain in 1821, the territory was taken by Mexico. The area was then taken over by the U.S. after the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848. On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state to join the Union.

On March 1, 1869, Nevada became the first state to ratify the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted African-American men the right to vote.

It is bordered to the northwest by Oregon, to the northeast by Idaho, to the west by California, to the southeast by Arizona, and to the east by Utah.

It is the seventh largest state with a total area of 110,572 sq mi (286,380 sq km). The state's total population, as recorded in the census 2020, is 3,104,614, making it the thirty-second most populous state in the U.S.

The largest city in Nevada is Las Vegas. The interesting fact is that the famous hotel and casino known as The Strat Hotel, Casino, and SkyPod (formerly known as Stratosphere) is located in Las Vegas. It is the tallest freestanding observation tower in the United States. Every year, more than 42 million people visit Las Vegas.

Carson City is the state's capital.

Nevada made history in 2018 by becoming the first state to have a female-majority legislature.

Native Americans created the Tule duck decoy over 2,000 years ago. The decoys, made of bundles of Tule that have been joined together and molded to resemble canvasback ducks, were found by archaeologists in 1924 while excavating Lovelock Cave. In 1995, Nevada made the Tule duck decoy its official state artifact.

Nevada accounts for over three-quarters of all gold mined in the United States. It is the world's fourth-largest producer of gold followed by China, Australia, and South Africa. Additionally, it has some of the best black opals in the world.

The official state bird is the Mountain bluebird. The state's official song is "Home Means Nevada",

whereas the state motto is "All For Our Country".

Nevada did not declare any official language for the state, but English is the most widely spoken language followed by Spanish.

