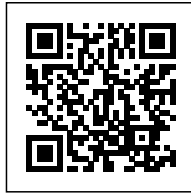


# UTAH

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Utah is a landlocked state located in the Mountain West sub-region of the Western United States of America. The official nickname of the state is *The Beehive State*. The beehive is a representation of industry and labor. It symbolizes the Utah community since everyone there works together to support and assist one another to build a thriving industry. In 1959 Utah adopted the word "Industry" as the official state motto. In 1996 Utah designated the Beehive cluster as an official state symbol.

There have been numerous indigenous groups living in Utah for thousands of years. In the mid-16th century, the Spanish were the first Europeans to come. Mexico seized some parts of the region after winning its independence from Spain in 1821. After winning the Mexican-American War in 1848, Mexico gave Utah to the United States as part of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. On January 4, 1896, Utah became the 45th state.

Utah is bordered to the northeast by Wyoming, east by Colorado, south by Arizona, north by Idaho, and west by Nevada.

Utah is now the second-driest state in the United States as a result of droughts that have become more frequent and severe over time due to climate change. This has further challenged the state's water security and economy.

With a total area of 84,898 sq mi (219,884 sq km), Utah is the thirteenth largest state by area. The recorded population of the state, according to the United States Census 2020, is 3,271,616 making it the thirtieth most populous state.

Salt Lake City is both the state's largest as well as its capital.

The fun fact is that the third-longest roller coaster in the United States, "Old Woodie," is at Lagoon, a theme park in Farmington, Utah. The Lagoon is the oldest continuously functioning amusement park in the American West.

Cherries are farmed in Utah, both sweet and tart. A total of 4,800 acres of agricultural land are used to produce around 2 billion pounds of cherries annually. In 1997, Utah made the cherry its official state fruit. Education, transportation, government services, information technology, tourism, and, mining are some of the state's most important economic sectors. Since 2000, Utah has seen some of the state's fastest growth.

For almost a century, Utah's economy benefited greatly from the manufacture of sugar from sugar beets. In 2002, Utah declared the sugar beet to be its official state vegetable.

The song "Utah We Love Thee" was chosen as the state song in 1937. In 1911, the Sego lily was officially adopted as a state flower whereas, in 1955 the California gull was named the state bird of Utah.

The official state language of Utah is English.

