

Do You Know These 20 Facts About the USA?

- 1) The United States is divided into 50 states. However state each varies in size considerably. The smallest state is Rhode Island with an area of just 1,545 square miles (4,002 sq km). By contrast the largest state by area is Alaska with 663,268 square miles (1,717,854 sq km)
- 2) Alaska has the longest coastline in the United States at 6,640 miles (10,686 km).
- 3) English is the most commonly spoken language used in the U.S. Spanish is the second most common language spoken.
- 4) The tallest mountain in the world is located in the United States Mauna Kea, located in Hawaii, is only 13,796 feet (4,205 m) in altitude above sea level, however, when measured from the seafloor it is over 32,000 feet (10,000 meters) high, making it taller than Mount Everest (Earth's tallest mountain above sea level at 29,028 feet or 8,848 meters).
- 5) The lowest temperature ever recorded in the United States was at Prospect Creek, Alaska on January 23, 1971. The temperature was -80°F (-62°C). The coldest temperature in the contiguous 48 states was at Rogers Pass, Montana on January 20, 1954. The temperature there was -70°F (-56°C).
- 6) The hottest temperature recorded in the United States (and in North America) was in Death Valley, California on July 10, 1913. The temperature measured 134°F (56°C).
- 7) The deepest lake in the U.S. is Crater Lake located in Oregon. At 1,932 feet (589 m) it is the world's seventh deepest lake.
- 8) The tallest mountain the US is Mt McKinley, located in the state of Alaska it reaches 20,320 ft (6,194 m) above sea level.
- 9) Alaska was purchased from Russia in 1867 and is the largest state in the US by land area.
- 10) Hawaii is the most recent of the 50 states in the US (joining in 1959) and is the only one made up entirely of islands.
- 11) The most populated city in the US is New York City, followed by Los Angeles and Chicago.
- 12) The first man to walk on the moon was American Neil Armstrong (July 21, 1969).

- 13) The US consumes more oil than any other country in the world.
- 14) The most popular team sports in the US are American football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey.
- 15) Alaska has a longer coastline than all of the other 49 U.S. states put together.
- 16) The only place in the United States where coffee is grown commercially is in Hawaii.
- 17) The American one-dollar bill contains several hidden images, including a spider in the upper right-hand corner.
- 18) The seven rays on the crown of the Statue of Liberty represent the seven continents. Each measures up to 9 feet in length and weighs as much as 150 pounds.
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- 20) The Four Corners region is the only point at which 4 states come together

