HISTORICAL DATA ON THE STATES

State or other jurisdiction | Source of state lands | Date organized as territory | Date admitted to Union | Chronological order of admission to Union |
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Alabama | Mississippi Territory, 1798 (a) | March 3, 1817 | Dec. 14, 1819 | 22 |
Alaska | Purchased from Russia, 1867 | Aug. 14, 1912 | Jan. 3, 1959 | 49 |
Arizona | Ceded by Mexico, 1848 (b) | Feb. 24, 1863 | Feb. 14, 1912 | 48 |
Arkansas | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 | March 2, 1819 | June 15, 1836 | 25 |
California | Ceded by Mexico, 1848 | (c) | Sept. 9, 1850 | 31 |
Colorado | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 (d) | Feb. 28, 1861 | Aug. 1, 1876 | 38 |
Connecticut | Fundamental Orders, Jan. 14, 1638; Royal charter, April 23, 1662 | (e) | Jan. 9, 1788 (f) | 5 |
Delaware | Swedish charter, 1638, English charter, 1638 | (e) | Dec. 7, 1787 (f) | 1 |
Florida | Ceded by Spain, 1819 | March 30, 1822 | March 3, 1845 | 27 |
Georgia | Charter, 1732, from George II to Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia | (e) | Jan. 2, 1788 (f) | 4 |
Hawaii | Annexed, 1898 | June 14, 1900 | Aug. 21, 1959 | 50 |
Idaho | Treaty with Britain, 1846 | March 4, 1863 | July 3, 1890 | 43 |
Illinois | Northwest Territory, 1787 | Feb. 3, 1809 | Dec. 3, 1818 | 21 |
Indiana | Northwest Territory, 1787 | May 7, 1800 | Dec. 11, 1816 | 19 |
Iowa | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 | June 12, 1838 | Dec. 28, 1846 | 29 |
Kansas | Louisiana Purchase, 1805 (d) | May 20, 1820 | Jan. 29, 1861 | 34 |
Kentucky | Part of Virginia until admitted as state | (c) | June 1, 1792 | 15 |
Louisiana | Louisiana Purchase, 1805 (g) | March 26, 1804 | April 30, 1812 | 18 |
Maine | Part of Massachusetts until admitted as state | (c) | March 15, 1820 | 23 |
Maryland | Charter, 1632, from Charles I to Calvert | (e) | April 26, 1788 (f) | 7 |
Massachusetts | Charter to Massachusetts Bay Company, 1629 | (e) | Feb. 6, 1788 (f) | 6 |
Michigan | Northwest Territory, 1787 | Jan. 11, 1805 | Jan. 28, 1837 | 26 |
Minnesota | Northwest Territory, 1804 (h) | March 5, 1849 | May 11, 1858 | 32 |
Mississippi | Mississippi Territory (i) | April 7, 1798 | Dec. 10, 1817 | 20 |
Missouri | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 | June 4, 1812 | Aug. 10, 1821 | 24 |
Montana | Louisiana Purchase, 1806 (i) | May 26, 1864 | Nov. 8, 1889 | 41 |
Nebraska | Louisiana Purchase, 1805 | March 30, 1854 | March 1, 1867 | 37 |
Nevada | Ceded by Mexico, 1848 | March 2, 1861 | Oct. 31, 1864 | 36 |
New Hampshire | Grants from Council for New England, 1622 and 1679 | (c) | June 21, 1788 (f) | 9 |
New Jersey | Dutch settlement, 1618; English charter, 1664 | (e) | Dec. 18, 1787 (f) | 3 |
New Mexico | Ceded by Mexico, 1848 (b) | Sept. 9, 1850 | Jan. 6, 1912 | 47 |
New York | Dutch settlement, 1623; English control, 1664 | (e) | July 26, 1788 (f) | 11 |
North Carolina | Charter, 1663; from Charles II | (c) | Nov. 21, 1789 (f) | 12 |
North Dakota | Louisiana Purchase, 1805 (k) | March 2, 1861 | Nov. 2, 1889 | 39 |
Ohio | Northwest Territory, 1787 | May 7, 1800 | March 1, 1803 | 17 |
Oklahoma | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 | May 2, 1890 | Nov. 16, 1907 | 46 |
Oregon | Settlement and treaty with Britain, 1846 | Aug. 4, 1848 | Feb. 14, 1859 | 33 |
Pennsylvania | Grant from Charles II to William Penn, 1681 | (e) | Dec. 12, 1787 (f) | 2 |
Rhode Island | Charter, 1663; from Charles II | (e) | May 29, 1799 (f) | 13 |
South Carolina | Charter, 1663; from Charles II | (e) | May 23, 1763 (f) | 8 |
South Dakota | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 | March 2, 1861 | Nov. 2, 1889 | 40 |
Tennessee | Part of North Carolina until land ceded to U.S. in 1789 | June 8, 1790 (f) | June 1, 1796 | 16 |
Texas | Republic of Texas, 1845 | (c) | Dec. 29, 1845 | 26 |
Utah | Ceded by Mexico, 1848 | Sept. 9, 1850 | Jan. 4, 1896 | 45 |
Vermont | From lands of New Hampshire and New York | (c) | March 4, 1791 | 14 |
Virginia | Charter, 1607, from James I to London Company | (e) | May 26, 1788 (f) | 10 |
Washington | Oregon Territory, 1848 | March 2, 1853 | Nov. 11, 1889 | 42 |
West Virginia | Part of Virginia until admitted as state | (c) | June 20, 1863 | 35 |
Wisconsin | Northwest Territory, 1787 | April 20, 1836 | May 29, 1848 | 30 |
Wyoming | Louisiana Purchase, 1803 (j) | July 25, 1868 | July 10, 1890 | 44 |
Dist. of Columbia | Maryland (m) | (n) | (n) | (n) |
American Samoa | (n) | (n) | (n) | (n) |
Guam | Ceded by Spain, 1898 | Aug. 1, 1950 | (n) | (n) |
No. Mariana Islands | March 4, 1976 | (n) | (n) | (n) |
Puerto Rico | Ceded by Spain, 1898 | (n) | (n) | (n) |
U.S. Virgin Islands | (n) | (n) | (n) | (n) |

See footnotes at end of table.
By the Treaty of Paris, 1783, England gave up claim to the 13 original Colonies, and to all land within an area extending along the present Canadian to the Lake of the Woods, down the Mississippi River to the 31st parallel, east to the Chattahoochee, down that river to the mouth of the Flint, border east to the source of the St. Mary’s down that river to the ocean. The major part of Alabama was acquired by the Treaty of Paris, and the lower portion from Spain in 1813. Portion of land obtained by Gadsden Purchase, 1853. No territorial status before admission to Union. Portion of land ceded by Mexico, 1848. One of the original 13 Colonies. Date of ratification of U.S. Constitution. West Feliciana District (Baton Rouge) acquired from Spain, 1810; added to Louisiana, 1812. 

Portion of land obtained by Louisiana Purchase, 1803. See footnote (a). The lower portion of Mississippi also was acquired from Spain in 1813. Portion of land obtained from Oregon Territory, 1848. The northern portion of the Red River Valley was acquired by treaty with Great Britain in 1818. Date Southwest Territory (identical boundary as Tennessee’s) was created. Area was originally 100 square miles, taken from Virginia and Maryland. Virginia’s portion south of the Potomac was given back to that state in 1846. Site chosen in 1790, city incorporated 1802. On this date, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth by compact approved by the U.S. Congress and the voters of Puerto Rico as provided in U.S. Public Law 600 of 1950.