**MINNESOTA**

Nickname: The North Star State
Motto: L’Etoile du Nord (The North Star)
Flower: Pink and White Lady-Slipper
Bird: Common Loon
Tree: Red Pine
Song: *Hail! Minnesota*
Entered the Union: May 11, 1858
Capital: St. Paul

### STATISTICS

Land Area (square miles): 79,627
Rank in Nation: 5
Density per square mile: 68.5
Capital City: Minneapolis
Population: 392,880
Number of County Governments: 87
Number of 2012 Electoral Votes: 10
Number of Representatives in Congress: 8
Number of Supreme Court Judges: 9
Number of Intermediate Appellate Court Judges: 10
Number of State Comptroller: Diane Langham
Secretary of the Senate: JoAnne Zoff
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Highest Court: Supreme Court
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