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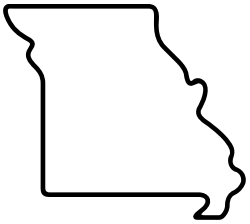
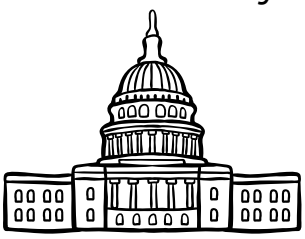


State Nickname: The Show-Me State

The Capitol of Missouri is Jefferson City.



The state tree is the Flowering Dogwood.

The state bird is the Bluebird.

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## FUN FACTS:

The state of Missouri was named after a tribe of Sioux Indians of the state called the Missouris.

Missouri has more than 6000 known caves.

St. Joseph, Missouri was the starting point of the famed Pony Express.

Missouri's state motto is "Salus populi suprema lex esto," which is Latin for "Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law." This means the government should always work for what is best for its people.

The state flower is the White Hawthorn Blossom.

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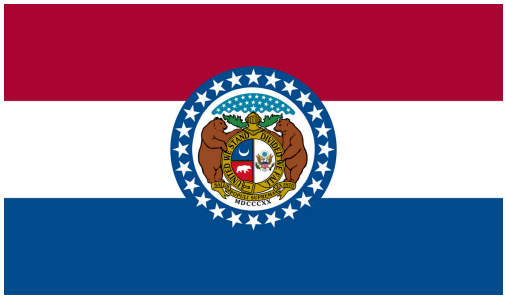
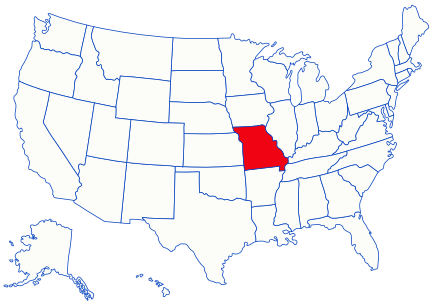
**Established: August 10, 1821**

The Missouri state flag has red, white, and blue stripes to show bravery, peace, and justice. In the middle, there's a circle with two bears and a shield that tell about the state's history and strength.



## STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 69,715**
- **18th Largest State**
- **Largest City: Kansas City**
- **93 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 1,772 feet, Taum Sauk Mountain**



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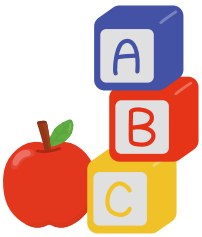
## MISSOURI HIGHLIGHTS:

Richland, Missouri, is the only city in the U.S. with a cave restaurant.

Kansas City, Missouri has more fountains than any city in the world except Rome.




In 1873, Susan Elizabeth Blow opened the first public kindergarten in the United States in St. Louis.

The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is the tallest man-made national monument in the United States. It stands 630 feet tall.