

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE UNITED STATES

1. AREA AND POPULATION

No. 1.—TERRITORIAL EXPANSION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND ACQUISITIONS OF TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS

ACCESSION	Date	Gross area (land and water) sq. mi.	ACCESSION	Date	Gross area (land and water) sq. mi.
Aggregate (1940).....		3,735,223	Territories and possessions.....		712,636
Continental United States.....		3,022,387	Alaska Territory.....	1867	586,400
Territory in 1790 ¹		833,811	Hawaii Territory ²	1898	6,433
Louisiana Purchase.....	1803	827,192	Philippine Islands.....	1899	^a 115,600
Florida.....	1819	58,560	Puerto Rico.....	1899	3,435
By treaty with Spain.....	1819	13,443	Guam.....	1899	206
Texas.....	1845	390,144	American Samoa.....	1900	76
Oregon.....	1846	285,580	Panama Canal Zone.....	1904	553
Mexican Cession.....	1848	523,017	Virgin Islands of the U. S.....	1917	133
Gadsden Purchase.....	1853	29,640			

¹ Includes drainage basin of Red River of the North, not a part of any accession, but in the past sometimes considered a part of the Louisiana Purchase.

² Includes Baker, Canton, Enderbury, Howland, Jarvis, Johnston, and Midway Islands.

^a Commonwealth of the Philippines, Commission of the Census; 1939 Census, Census Atlas of the Philippines.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

No. 2.—AREA, BY STATES: 1940

NOTE.—The figures given in this table are the result of a complete remeasurement of the area of the United States and differ from those in prior census reports.

DIVISION AND STATE	AREA (SQUARE MILES)			DIVISION AND STATE	AREA (SQUARE MILES)		
	Land ¹	Inland water ²	Total		Land ¹	Inland water ²	Total
Continental U. S.....	2,977,128	45,259	3,022,387	South Atlantic—Con.			
New England.....	63,206	3,402	66,608	Virginia.....	39,899	916	40,815
Maine.....	31,040	2,175	33,215	West Virginia.....	24,090	91	24,181
New Hampshire.....	9,024	280	9,304	North Carolina.....	49,142	3,670	52,812
Vermont.....	9,278	331	9,609	South Carolina.....	30,594	461	31,055
Massachusetts.....	7,907	350	8,257	Georgia.....	58,518	358	58,876
Rhode Island.....	1,058	155	1,214	Florida.....	54,262	4,298	58,560
Connecticut.....	4,890	110	5,000	East South Central.....	180,568	1,398	181,966
Middle Atlantic.....	100,486	2,249	102,735	Kentucky.....	40,109	286	40,395
New York.....	47,929	1,647	49,576	Tennessee.....	41,961	285	42,246
New Jersey.....	7,522	314	7,836	Alabama.....	51,078	531	51,609
Pennsylvania.....	45,045	288	45,333	Mississippi.....	47,420	296	47,716
East North Central.....	245,011	3,272	248,283	West South Central.....	430,829	8,054	438,883
Ohio.....	41,122	100	41,222	Arkansas.....	52,726	377	53,102
Indiana.....	36,205	86	36,291	Louisiana.....	45,177	3,346	48,523
Illinois.....	55,947	453	56,400	Oklahoma.....	69,288	636	69,924
Michigan.....	57,022	1,194	58,216	Texas.....	268,644	3,095	267,339
Wisconsin.....	54,715	1,430	56,145	Mountain.....	357,836	6,051	363,887
West North Central.....	510,621	6,626	517,247	Montana.....	146,316	822	147,138
Minnesota.....	80,009	4,059	84,068	Idaho.....	82,808	749	83,557
Iowa.....	65,986	294	66,280	Wyoming.....	97,506	408	97,914
Missouri.....	69,270	404	69,674	Colorado.....	103,987	280	104,267
North Dakota.....	70,064	611	70,675	New Mexico.....	121,511	155	121,666
South Dakota.....	76,536	511	77,047	Arizona.....	113,580	329	113,909
Nebraska.....	76,053	584	76,637	Utah.....	82,346	2,570	84,916
Kansas.....	82,113	163	82,276	Nevada.....	109,802	738	110,540
South Atlantic.....	268,431	10,471	278,902	Pacific.....	320,130	3,736	323,866
Delaware.....	1,978	79	2,057	Washington.....	66,977	1,215	68,192
Maryland.....	9,887	690	10,577	Oregon.....	96,350	631	96,981
Dist. of Columbia.....	61	8	69	California.....	156,803	1,890	158,693

¹ Dry land and land temporarily or partially covered by water, such as marshland, swamps, and river flood plains; streams, sloughs, estuaries, and canals less than one-eighth of a statute mile in width; and lakes, reservoirs, and ponds less than 40 acres of area.

² Permanent inland water surface, such as lakes, reservoirs, and ponds having 40 acres or more of area; streams, sloughs, estuaries, and canals one-eighth of a statute mile or more in width; deeply indented embayments and sounds, and other coastal waters behind or sheltered by headlands or islands separated by less than 1 nautical mile of water; and islands having less than 40 acres of area. Does not include water surface of the oceans, bays, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, Long Island Sound, Puget Sound, and the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Georgia, lying within the jurisdiction of the United States but not defined as inland water.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; Reports of Sixteenth Census, Areas of the United States.