

## The Size of Alaska Compared to the Size of the United States

**The U.S. Is the 3rd largest country in the world.**



**Denali National Park, Alaska**

1. At 586,400 square miles, Alaska is the U.S.'s largest state, over twice the size of Texas.
2. It is larger than the three largest states in the USA combined.
3. Alaska's population of 626,932+ makes it the third least populous state.
4. There is 1.0 person/sq. mi. (2000) in Alaska, compared to 79.6 people/sq. mi. in the entire U.S.
5. The 3.5 million acres of the Alaska State Park System constitutes the largest park system in the United States.
6. In 1971 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act passed. Natives received compensation not reservations.
7. There are more bald eagles in Alaska than in all other states combined.
8. Alaska still has most of its land mass unorganized in political subdivisions.
9. Alaska has more than ten thousand glaciers - of which, one, is larger than the state of Rhode Island.
10. It has 33,904 miles of shoreline which is twice the length of shoreline in all of the lower 48 states combined.
11. The main mode of private transportation in the U.S. is by private automobile; while in Alaska it is small planes.
12. Alaska has one pilot for every 58 residents, 6 times as many pilots & 14 times as many airplanes per capita as the U.S.
13. Two states use words other than "county". Louisiana uses the word "parish". Alaska uses the word "borough".
14. Largest recorded earthquake in the U.S. was in Alaska in 1964 registering a 9.2 magnitude.
15. Alaska now provides the greatest opportunity for minerals exploration and development in all of North America.
16. One of the things that makes Alaska special is that all three species of North American bears flourish there.
17. Juneau is the largest city in the U.S. by land area. It's 3,100 square miles makes it larger than Delaware.
18. Alaska is only 55 miles east of Russia.
19. The only state to have coastlines on three different seas; Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.
20. During hibernation, the body temperature of the arctic ground squirrel drops to the lowest of any living mammal.
21. Alaska's moose are the largest of their species.
22. Alaska has almost twice as many caribou as people.
23. There are places in S.E. Alaska where you can find brown bear populations as dense as one bear per square mile?
24. Gray wolves inhabit 85% of Alaska, Minnesota is the only other state that has a substantial population of wild wolves.
25. Alaska's time zone is 4 hours behind the East Coast.

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue-Alaska's Flag,  
 May it mean to you, the blue of the sea,  
 The evening sky, the mountain lakes, and the flowers nearby;  
 The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,  
 The precious gold of the hills and steams,  
 The brilliant stars in the northern sky,  
 The "Bear" (the Dipper)- and shining high,  
 The great North Star with its steady light,  
 Over land and sea a beacon bright.  
 Alaska's flag- to Alaskans dear,  
 The simple flag of a last frontier.



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