

State of Florida





- Nickname: The Sunshine State
- Motto: In God We Trust
- State song: 'Florida, Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky'
- The capital: Tallahassee
- The largest city: Jacksonville
- Governor: Rick Scott (Republican)

Geography

Florida /'flɒrɪdə/ (Spanish for "flowery land") is a state located in the southeastern region of the United States. Much of the state of Florida is situated on a peninsula.



History

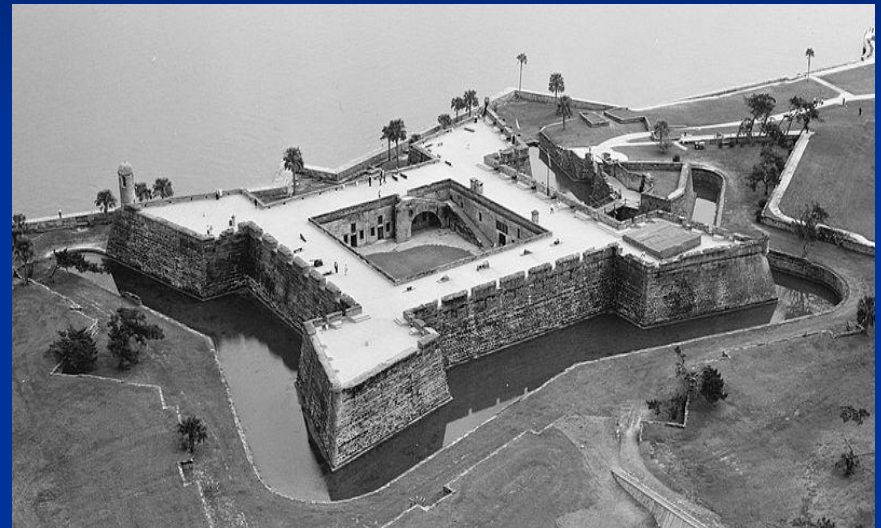
Florida was the first part of the continental United States to be visited by Europeans. The earliest known European explorers came with the Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de León.



In 1565, the Spanish colony of St. Augustine (San Agustín) was established. St. Augustine is the oldest city in the U.S. The English attacked St. Augustine, burning the city several times until Spain built the Castillo de San Marcos (in 1672) to defend it.



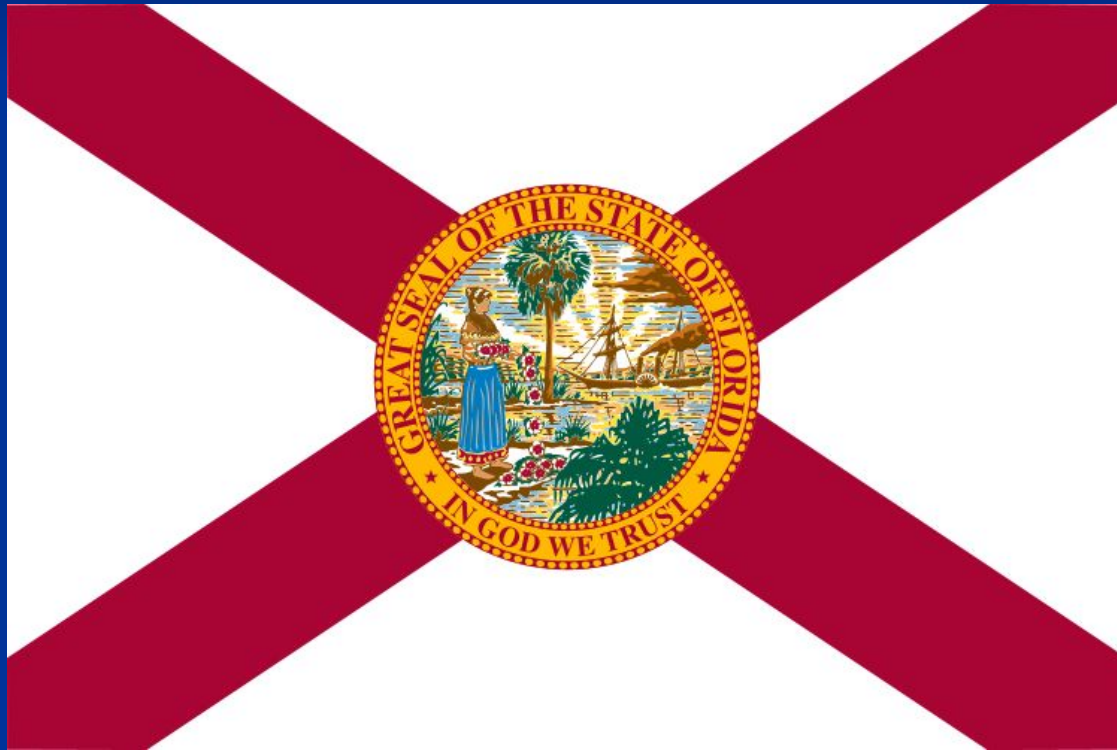
St. Augustine (1565)



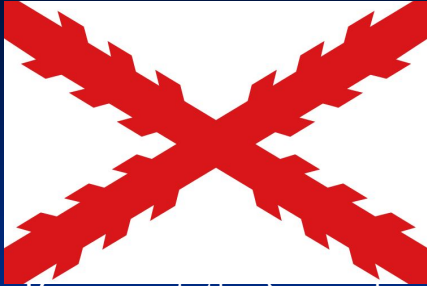
Aerial view of the Castillo de San Marcos (Florida).

Flag

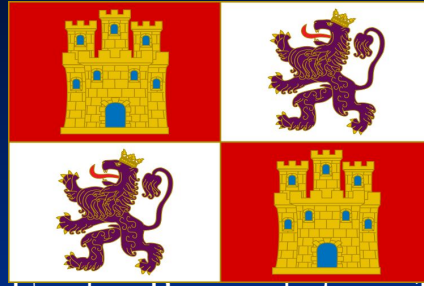
- Adopted: November 6, 1900 (modified May 21, 1985)
- Design: A red saltire (Saint Andrew's Cross) on a white field, with the seal of Florida superimposed at the center.



Timeline of Floridian flags



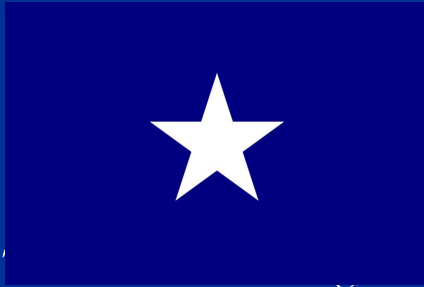
Banner of the Spanish Empire from 1506



Used in Pensacola from 1559



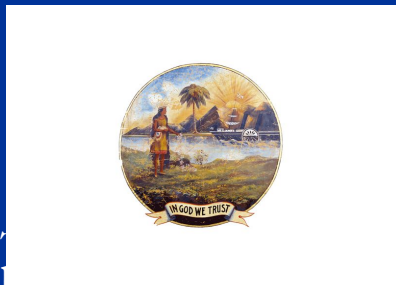
The Spanish flag after 1785



Used by the Republic of West Florida in 1810



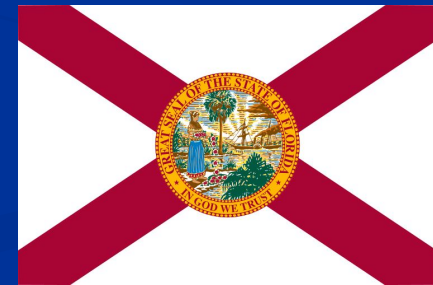
Used during secession from the United States in 1861.



Used in Florida, between 1862 and 1865



Used in Florida, between 1865 and 1868



Used in Florida, between 1868 and 1869, and from 1869 to present.

Seal of Florida

The Great Seal of the State of Florida is used to represent the government of the state of Florida, and for various official purposes. It also appears on the state flag of Florida. It is also commonly used on state government buildings, vehicles.



Famous People Born in Florida



Cannonball Adderley
Saxophonist (1928–1975)

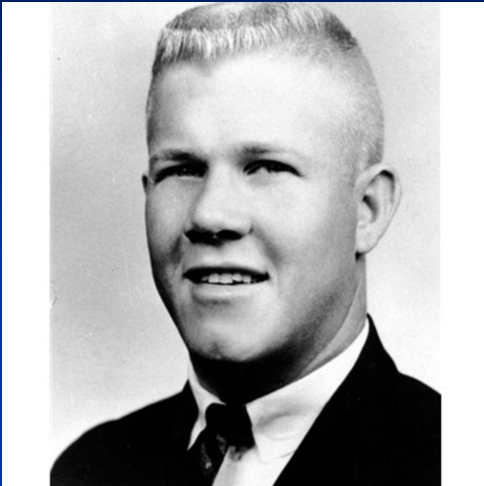


Roy Jones Jr.
Boxer (1969–)



Norman Reedus, 47
Movie Actor

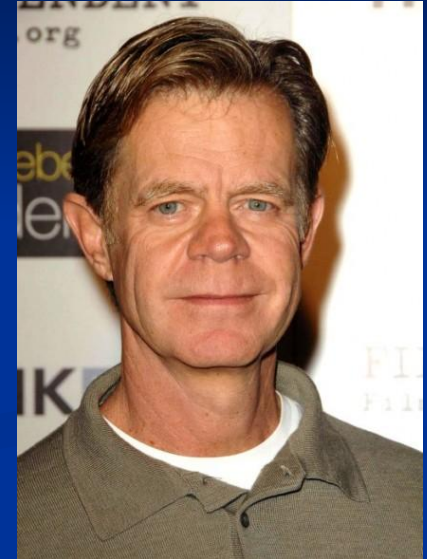
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Charles Whitman
Murderer (1941–1966)



Sarah Paulson
Actress (1974–)



William H. Macy
Film Actor, Theater Actor,
Television Actor (1950–)

Amazing fun facts about Florida

- Florida is the only state to have an "Embassy" in Washington and its called 'Florida House'
- Florida is the only state that has 2 rivers both with the same name. There is a Withlacoochee in north central Florida and a Withlacoochee in central Florida. They have nothing in common except the name.
- Florida is the only state in the nation whose Constitution is reviewed every 20 years.
- Florida is the largest producer of citrus fruits in the United States and second in the world.
- Cape Canaveral is America's launch pad for space flights.
- Key West has the highest average temperature of any city in the United States.
- Key Largo is known as the Diving Capital of the World.
- With over 1,300 courses, Florida has more golf courses than any other State in USA
- Florida produces more than 60% of oranges in the USA

Interesting Facts About Florida

1,000

People move to Florida
each day



12

International airports

Miles of sand beaches

1,200



Major
commercial
airports

19

Golf courses-more than

1,250

Florida has more golf courses than
any other state.

Palm Beach County has more golf
courses than any other county in
the USA.



Miles of coastline

1,800

Deepwater
ports

14

Hotel rooms in Florida -
more than

370,
000

Sources: Florida Dept. of State; Visit Florida; U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Economic & Business Research (University of Florida); State of Florida.com research.

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