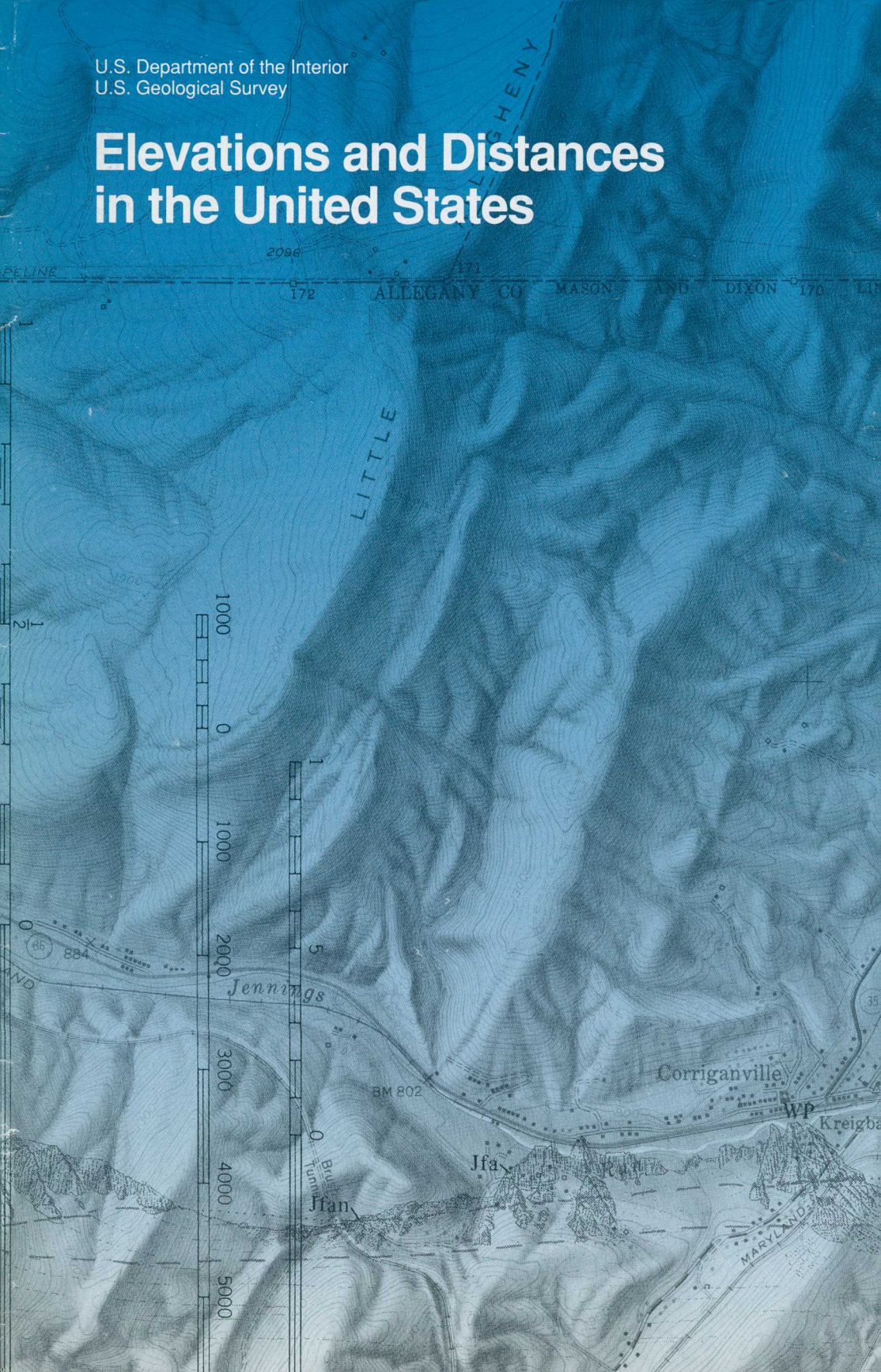


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The information in this booklet was compiled to answer inquiries received by the U.S. Geological Survey from students; teachers; writers; editors; publishers of encyclopedias, almanacs, and other reference books; and people in many other fields of work.

The elevations of features and distances between points in the United States were determined from surveys and topographic maps of the U.S. Geological Survey or obtained from other sources. In most cases, the elevations were determined from surveys and from 1:24,000- and 1:25,000-scale, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps. In Alaska, information was taken from 1:63,360-scale, 15-minute topographic quadrangle maps. In a few cases, data were obtained from older, 1:62,500-scale, 15-minute maps; these maps are being replaced with larger-scale 7.5-minute coverage. Further information about U.S. Geological Survey products can be obtained from: U.S. Geological Survey, Earth Science Information Center, 507 National Center, Reston, VA 22092 or phone 703-860-6045.

## Elevations of the 50 Largest Cities (by population, 1980 Census)

City	State	Rank	High feet	Low feet
New York	New York	1	410	Sea Level
Chicago	Illinois	2	673	1579
Los Angeles	California	3	5,074	Sea Level
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	4	441	Sea Level
Houston	Texas	5	83	Sea Level
Detroit	Michigan	6	672	1575
Dallas	Texas	7	686	390
San Diego	California	8	823	Sea Level
Phoenix	Arizona	9	1,160	1,058
Baltimore	Maryland	10	489	Sea Level
San Antonio	Texas	11	1,000	505
Indianapolis	Indiana	12	845	664
San Francisco	California	13	934	Sea Level
Memphis	Tennessee	14	335	195
Washington	D.C.	15	410	1
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	16	799	1579
San Jose	California	17	2,125	Sea Level
Cleveland	Ohio	18	1,050	1571
Columbus	Ohio	19	893	685
Boston	Massachusetts	20	330	Sea Level
New Orleans	Louisiana	21	25	-8
Jacksonville	Florida	22	40	Sea Level
Seattle	Washington	23	520	Sea Level
Denver	Colorado	24	5,470	5,130
Nashville-Davidson County	Tennessee	25	1,160	385
St. Louis	Missouri	26	614	385
Kansas City	Missouri	27	1,020	720
El Paso	Texas	28	4,080	3,695
Atlanta	Georgia	29	1,086	738
Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	30	1,370	710
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	31	1,334	1,050
Cincinnati	Ohio	32	960	433
Fort Worth	Texas	33	766	513
Minneapolis	Minnesota	34	980	687
Portland	Oregon	35	1,073	Sea Level
Honolulu	Hawaii	36	4,020	Sea Level
Long Beach	California	37	360	-7
Tulsa	Oklahoma	38	810	620
Buffalo	New York	39	699	1571
Toledo	Ohio	40	627	1571
Miami	Florida	41	30	Sea Level

City	State	Rank	High feet	Low feet
Austin	Texas	42	1,080	406
Oakland	California	43	1,754	Sea Level
Albuquerque	New Mexico	44	6,120	4,946
Tucson	Arizona	45	2,950	2,250
Newark	New Jersey	46	278	Sea Level
Charlotte	North Carolina	47	784	519
Omaha	Nebraska	48	1,272	960
Louisville	Kentucky	49	761	382
Birmingham	Alabama	50	1,060	496

<sup>1</sup>Water level, International Great Lakes Datum.

## Highest and Lowest Elevations

State or possession	Highest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet	Lowest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet
Alabama	Cheaha Mt.	Cleburne	2,405	Gulf of Mexico	—	Sea level
Alaska	Mt. McKinley		20,320	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
Arizona	Humphreys Peak	Coconino	12,633	Colorado River	Yuma	70
Arkansas	Magazine Mt.	Logan	2,753	Ouachita River	Ashley-Union	55
California	Mt. Whitney	Inyo-Tulare	14,494	Death Valley	Inyo	-282
Colorado	Mt. Elbert	Lake	14,433	Arkansas River	Prowers	3,350
Connecticut	Mt. Frissell on south slope at State line	Litchfield	2,380	Long Island Sound	—	Sea level
Delaware	On Ebright Road at Delaware-Pennsylvania state line	New Castle	1448	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
District of Columbia	Tenleytown at Reno Reservoir	—	410	Potomac River	—	1
Florida	Sec.30, T.6N., R.20W.	Walton	345	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Georgia	Brasstown Bald	Towns-Union	4,784	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Guam	Mt. Lamlam	Agat District	1,332	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
Hawaii	Pu'u Wekiu, Mauna Kea	Hawaii	13,796	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
Idaho	Borah Peak	Custer	12,662	Snake River	Nez Perce	710
Illinois	Charles Mound	Jo Daviess	1,235	Mississippi River	Alexander	2279
Indiana	Franklin Township	Wayne	1,257	Ohio River	Posey	2320

State or possession	Highest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet	Lowest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet
Iowa	Sec. 29, T.100N., R.41W.	Osceola	1,670	Mississippi River	Lee	480
Kansas	Mt. Sunflower	Wallace	34,039	Verdigris River	Montgomery	679
Kentucky	Black Mt.	Harlan	4,139	Mississippi River	Fulton	257
Louisiana	Driskill Mt.	Bienville	535	New Orleans	Orleans	-8
Maine	Mt. Katahdin	Piscataquis	5,267	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Maryland	Backbone Mt.	Garrett	3,360	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Massachusetts	Mt. Greylock	Berkshire	3,487	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Michigan	Mt. Arvon	Baraga	1,979	Lake Erie	—	2571
Minnesota	Eagle Mt.	Cook	2,301	Lake Superior	—	2600
Mississippi	Woodall Mt.	Tishomingo	806	Gulf of Mexico	—	Sea level
Missouri	Taum Sauk Mt.	Iron	1,772	St. Francis River	Dunklin	230
Montana	Granite Peak	Park	12,799	Kootenai River	Lincoln	1,800
Nebraska	Johnson Township	Kimball	5,424	Missouri River	Richardson	840
Nevada	Boundary Peak	Esmeralda	13,140	Colorado River	Clark	479
New Hampshire	Mt. Washington	Coos	6,288	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
New Jersey	High Point	Sussex	31,803	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
New Mexico	Wheeler Peak	Taos	13,161	Red Bluff Reservoir	Eddy	2,842
New York	Mt. Marcy	Essex	5,344	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
North Carolina	Mt. Mitchell	Yancey	6,684	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
North Dakota	White Butte	Slope	3,506	Red River	Pembina	750
Ohio	Campbell Hill	Logan	1,549	Ohio River	Hamilton	2455
Oklahoma	Black Mesa	Cimarron	4,973	Little River	McCurtain	289
Oregon	Mt. Hood	Clackamas-Hood River	11,239	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
Pennsylvania	Mt. Davis	Somerset	3,213	Delaware River	Delaware	Sea level
Puerto Rico	Cerro de Punta	Ponce District	4,390	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Rhode Island	Jerimoth Hill	Providence	812	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Samoa	Lata Mt.	Tau Island	3,160	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
South Carolina	Sassafras Mt.	Pickens	3,560	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
South Dakota	Harney Peak	Pennington	7,242	Big Stone Lake	Roberts	966
Tennessee	Clingmans Dome	Sevier	6,643	Mississippi River	Shelby	2178
Texas	Guadalupe Peak	Culberson	8,749	Gulf of Mexico	—	Sea level
Utah	Kings Peak	Duchesne	13,528	Beaverdam Wash	Washington	2,000
Vermont	Mt. Mansfield	Lamoille	4,393	Lake Champlain	—	95



State or possession	Highest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet	Lowest point	County or subdivision	Elev. feet
Virginia	Mt. Rogers	Grayson-Smyth	5,729	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Virgin Islands	Crown Mt.	St. Thomas Island	1,556	Atlantic Ocean	—	Sea level
Washington	Mt. Rainier West	Pierce	14,410	Pacific Ocean	—	Sea level
West Virginia	Spruce Knob	Pendleton	4,861	Potomac River	Jefferson	240
Wisconsin	Timms Hill	Price	1,951	Lake Michigan	—	<sup>2</sup> 579
Wyoming	Gannett Peak	Fremont	13,804	Belle Fourche River	Crook	3,099
United States	Mt. McKinley, AK		20,320	Death Valley	Inyo, CA	-282

<sup>1</sup>National Geodetic Survey. <sup>2</sup>Corps of Engineers. <sup>3</sup>State Surveys.

## Elevations of Named Summits Over 14,000 Feet Above Sea Level

Summit	State	Quadrangle <sup>2</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
Mt. McKinley	AK	Mt. McKinley A-3	1954	20,320
Mt. St. Elias	AK	Mt. St. Elias B-8	1985	18,008
Mt. Foraker	AK	Talkeetna D-3	1958	17,400
Mt. Bona	AK	McCarthy B-2	1959	16,500
Mt. Blackburn	AK	McCarthy C-7	1959	16,390
Mt. Sanford	AK	Gulkana A-1	1959	16,237
Mt. Vancouver	AK	Mt. St. Elias A-2	1985	15,979
South Buttress	AK	Mt. McKinley A-2	1954	15,885
Mt. Churchill	AK	McCarthy B-2	1959	15,638
Mt. Fairweather	AK	Mt. Fairweather D-5	1961	15,300
Mt. Hubbard	AK	Mt. St. Elias B-3	1985	14,950
Mt. Bear	AK	McCarthy B-1	1959	14,831
East Buttress	AK	Mt. McKinley A-2	1954	14,730
Mt. Hunter	AK	Talkeetna D-3	1958	14,573
Browne Tower	AK	Mt. McKinley A-2	1954	14,530
Mt. Alverstone	AK	Mt. St. Elias B-3	1985	14,500
Mt. Whitney	CA	Mt. Whitney	1985	<sup>1</sup> 14,494
University Peak	AK	McCarthy B-3	1959	14,470
Mt. Elbert	CO	Mt. Elbert	1967	<sup>1</sup> 14,433
Mt. Massive	CO	Mt. Massive	1967	14,421
Mt. Harvard	CO	Mt. Harvard	1982	14,420
Mt. Rainier	WA	Mt. Rainier West	1971	14,410
Mt. Williamson	CA	Mt. Williamson	1984	14,370
La Plata Peak	CO	Mt. Elbert	1967	14,361
Blanca Peak	CO	Blanca Peak	1967	14,345
Uncompahgre Peak	CO	Uncompahgre Peak	1963	14,309

Summit	State	Quadrangle <sup>2</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
Crestone Peak	CO	Crestone Peak	1967	14,294
Mt. Lincoln	CO	Alma	1970	14,286
Grays Peak	CO	Grays Peak	1958	14,270
Mt. Antero	CO	Mt. Antero	1983	14,269
Torreys Peak	CO	Grays Peak	1958	14,267
Castle Peak	CO	Hayden Peak	1960	14,265
Quandary Peak	CO	Breckenridge	1970	14,265
Mt. Evans	CO	Mt. Evans	1957	14,264
Longs Peak	CO	Longs Peak	1961	14,255
Mt. Wilson	CO	Mt. Wilson	1953	14,246
White Mt. Peak	CA	White Mt. Peak (15')	1962	14,246
North Palisade	CA	North Palisade	1982	14,242
Mt. Cameron	CO	Alma	1970	14,238
Mt. Shavano	CO	Maysville	1983	14,229
Mt. Belford	CO	Mt. Harvard	1982	14,197
Mt. Princeton	CO	Mt. Antero	1982	14,197
Crestone Needle	CO	Crestone Peak	1967	14,197
Mt. Yale	CO	Mt. Harvard	1982	14,196
Mt. Bross	CO	Alma	1970	14,172
Kit Carson Mt.	CO	Crestone Peak	1967	14,165
Mt. Wrangell	AK	Gulkana A-1	1959	14,163
Mt. Shasta	CA	Shasta	1986	14,162
El Diente Peak	CO	Dolores Peak	1953	14,159
Point Success	WA	Mt. Rainier West	1971	14,158
Maroon Peak	CO	Maroon Bells	1960	14,156
Taberguache Mt.	CO	St. Elmo	1982	14,155
Mt. Oxford	CO	Mt. Harvard	1982	14,153
Mt. Sill	CA	North Palisade	1982	14,153
Mt. Sneffels	CO	Mt. Sneffels	1967	14,150
Mt. Democrat	CO	Climax	1970	14,148
Capitol Peak	CO	Capitol Peak	1960	14,130
Liberty Cap	WA	Mt. Rainier West	1971	14,112
Pikes Peak	CO	Pikes Peak	1951	14,110
Snowmass Mt.	CO	Snowmass Mt.	1960	14,092
Mt. Russell	CA	Mt. Whitney	1985	14,088
Mt. Eolus	CO	Mt. Whitney	1985	14,083
Windom Peak	CO	Columbine Pass	1973	14,082
Mt. Columbia	CO	Mt. Harvard	1982	14,073
Mt. Augusta	AK	Mt. St. Elias	1985	14,070
Missouri Mt.	CO	Winfield	1982	14,067
Humboldt Peak	CO	Crestone Peak	1967	14,064
Mt. Bierstadt	CO	Mt. Evans	1957	14,060
Sunlight Peak	CO	Storm King Peak	1964	14,059
Split Mt.	CA	Split Mt.	1984	14,058



Summit	State	Quadrangle <sup>2</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
Handies Peak	CO	Handies Peak	1955	14,048
Culebra Peak	CO	Culebra Peak	1955	14,047
Mt. Lindsey	CO	Blanca Peak	1967	14,042
Ellingwood Point	CO	Blanca Peak	1967	14,042
Little Bear Peak	CO	Blanca Peak	1967	14,037
Mt. Sherman	CO	Mt. Sherman	1961	14,036
Redcloud Peak	CO	Redcloud Peak	1964	14,034
Mt. Langley	CA	Mt. Langley	1982	14,026
Conundrum Peak	CO	Hayden Peak	1960	14,022
Mt. Tyndall	CA	Mt. Williamson	1984	14,019
Pyramid Peak	CO	Maroon Bells	1960	14,018
Wilson Peak	CO	Mt. Wilson	1953	14,017
Wetterhorn Peak	CO	Wetterhorn Peak	1963	14,015
North Maroon Peak	CO	Maroon Bells	1960	14,014
San Luis Peak	CO	San Luis Peak	1986	14,014
Mt. Muir	CA	Mt. Whitney	1985	14,012
Middle Palisade	CA	Split Mt.	1984	14,012
Mt. of the Holy Cross	CO	Mt. of the Holy Cross	1970	14,005
Huron Peak	CO	Winfield	1982	14,003
Thunderbolt Peak	CA	North Palisade	1982	14,003
Sunshine Peak	CO	Redcloud Peak	1964	14,001

<sup>1</sup>National Geodetic Survey.

<sup>2</sup>USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map in the conterminous United States unless otherwise indicated and 15-minute maps in Alaska unless otherwise indicated.

## Elevations of Selected Summits East of the Rocky Mountains

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>White Mountains, Presidential Range:</b>					
Mt. Washington	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	6,288
Mt. Adams	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,774
Mt. Jefferson	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,712
Mt. Sam Adams	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,584
Mt. Clay	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,532
Boott Spur	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,492
Mt. Quincy Adams	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,394
Mt. Monroe	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,374
Mt. Madison	NH	Coos	Mt. Washington	1982	5,367
Mt. Lafayette	NH	Grafton	Franconia	1967	5,249
Mt. Lincoln	NH	Grafton	Franconia	1967	5,089
Mt. Franklin	NH	Coos	Crawford Notch (15')	1946	5,004
South Twin Mt.	NH	Grafton	South Twin Mt.	1967	4,902

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>Adirondack Mountains, Mt. Marcy area:</b>					
Mt. Marcy	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	5,344
Algonquin Peak	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	5,115
Mt. Haystack	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,961
Mt. Skylight	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,925
Whiteface Mt.	NY	Essex	Lake Placid	1978	4,865
Iroquois Peak	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,849
Boundary Peak	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,829
Gray Peak	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,826
Basin Mt.	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,826
Dix Mt.	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,822
Little Marcy	NY	Essex	Mt. Marcy	1979	4,744
Gothics	NY	Essex	Keene Valley	1979	4,734

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>Catskill Mountains:</b>					
Slide Mt.	NY	Ulster	Peekamoose	1969	4,180
Hunter Mt.	NY	Greene	Hunter	1945	4,040
Black Dome	NY	Greene	Freehold	1943	3,980
Blackhead	NY	Greene	Freehold	1943	3,940
Thomas Cole Mt.	NY	Greene	Hensonville	1945	3,940
West Kill Mt.	NY	Greene	Lexington	1960	3,880
Graham Mt.	NY	Ulster	Seager	1945	3,868
Cornell Mt.	NY	Ulster	Phoenicia	1950	3,860
Doubletop Mt.	NY	Ulster	Seager	1945	3,860
Table Mt.	NY	Ulster	Peekamoose	1969	3,847
Peekamoose Mt.	NY	Ulster	Peekamoose	1969	3,843
Plateau Mt.	NY	Greene	Hunter	1945	3,840

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains:</b>					
Mt. Mitchell <sup>1</sup>	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,684
Mt. Craig	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,647
Clingmans Dome	NC-TN	Swain-Sevier	Clingmans Dome	1964	6,643
Mt. Guyot	NC-TN	Haywood-Sevier	Mt. Guyot	1964	6,621
Balsam Cone	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,600
Cattail Peak	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,600
Mt. Le Conte	NC	Sevier	Mt. Le Conte	1964	6,593
Big Tom	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,526

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
Mt. Gibbs	NC	Yancey	Montreat	1942	6,520
Potato Hill	NC	Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	1946	6,440
Mt. Chapman	NC-TN	Swain-Sevier	Mt. Guyot	1964	6,417
Old Black	NC-TN	Haywood-Cocke-Sevier	Mt. Guyot	1964	6,370
Celo Knob	NC	Yancey	Celo	1960	6,327

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>Ozark-Ouachita Mountains:</b>					
Magazine Mt.	AR	Logan	Blue Mt.	1966	2,753
Rich Mt.	AR	Polk	Rich Mt.	1958	2,681
Poteau Mt.	AR	Sebastian	Cauthron	1958	2,669
Black Fork Mt.	AR	Polk	Mountain Fork	1958	2,586
Sugar Loaf Mt.	OK	Le Flore	Hartford	1947	2,564
Buffalo Lookout	AR	Newton	Fallsville	1967	2,561
Wilton Mt.	OK	Le Flore	Page	1981	2,558
Lynn Mt.	OK	Le Flore	Lynn Mt.	1981	2,480
Turner Ward Knob	AR	Newton	Fallsville	1947	2,463
Kiamichi Mt.	OK	Le Flore	Muse	1966	2,451
Winding Stair Mt.	OK	Le Flore	Big Cedar	1981	2,451
Reeves Mt.	AR	Newton	Boxley	1968	2,440

Summit	State	County	Quadrangle <sup>3</sup>	Date	Elevation feet
<b>Black Hills:</b>					
Harney Peak <sup>2</sup>	SD	Pennington	Custer	1957	7,242
Bear Mt.	SD	Pennington	Berne	1954	7,166
Crooks Tower	SD	Lawrence	Crooks Tower	1956	7,137
Terry Peak	SD	Lawrence	Lead	1961	7,064
Crows Nest Peak	SD	Pennington	Crows Nest Peak	1956	7,048
White Tail Peak	SD	Pennington	Deerfield	1956	6,962
Flag Mt.	SD	Pennington	Deerfield	1956	6,937
Medicine Mt.	SD	Pennington	Medicine Mt.	1956	6,878
Nipple Butte	SD	Pennington	Deerfield	1956	6,810
Custer Peak	SD	Lawrence	Minnesota Ridge	1956	6,804
Mt. Rushmore	SD	Pennington	Mt. Rushmore	1954	5,725
Devils Tower	WY	Crook	Devils Tower	1984	5,112

<sup>1</sup>Highest summit east of the Mississippi River.

<sup>2</sup>Highest summit east of the Rocky Mts.

<sup>3</sup>USGS 7.5-minute or 7.5-minute by 15-minute quadrangle map unless otherwise indicated.

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## Geographic Centers

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Because there is no generally accepted definition of a geographic center and no completely satisfactory method of determining it, there may be as many geographic centers of a State or country as there are definitions of the term.

The geographic center of an area may be defined as the center of gravity of the surface, or that point on which the surface of an area would balance if it were a plane of uniform thickness.

Curvature of the Earth, large bodies of water, irregular surfaces, and other factors affect the determination of center of gravity.

In determining the centers of the States, islands adjacent to their coastlines and large bodies of water were excluded.

The geographic centers and positions listed below should be considered as approximations.

State	County	Locality
Alabama	Chilton	12 miles southwest of Clanton
Alaska	63°50'N., 152°00'W., 60 miles northwest of Mt. McKinley	
Arizona	Yavapai	55 miles east-southeast of Prescott
Arkansas	Pulaski	12 miles northwest of Little Rock
California	Madera	38 miles east of Madera
Colorado	Park	30 miles northwest of Pikes Peak
Connecticut	Hartford	At East Berlin
Delaware	Kent	11 miles south of Dover
District of Columbia		Near Fourth and L Streets N.W.
Florida	Hernando	12 miles north-northwest of Brooksville
Georgia	Twiggs	18 miles southeast of Macon
Hawaii	Hawaii	20°15'N., 156°20'W., off Maui Island
Idaho	Custer	At Custer, southwest of Challis
Illinois	Logan	28 miles northeast of Springfield
Indiana	Boone	14 miles north-northwest of Indianapolis
Iowa	Story	5 miles northeast of Ames
Kansas	Barton	15 miles northeast of Great Bend
Kentucky	Marion	3 miles north-northwest of Lebanon
Louisiana	Avoyelles	3 miles southeast of Marksville
Maine	Piscataquis	18 miles north of Dover
Maryland	Prince Georges	4 1/2 miles northwest of Davidsonville
Massachusetts	Worcester	North part of City of Worcester
Michigan	Wexford	5 miles north-northwest of Cadillac
Minnesota	Crow Wing	10 miles southwest of Brainerd
Mississippi	Leake	9 miles west-northwest of Carthage
Missouri	Miller	20 miles southwest of Jefferson City
Montana	Fergus	11 miles west of Lewistown
Nebraska	Custer	10 miles northwest of Broken Bow
Nevada	Lander	26 miles southeast of Austin
New Hampshire	Belknap	3 miles east of Ashland
New Jersey	Mercer	5 miles southeast of Trenton
New Mexico	Torrance	12 miles south-southwest of Willard

State	County	Locality
New York	Madison	12 miles south of Oneida and 26 miles southwest of Utica
North Carolina	Chatham	10 miles northwest of Sanford
North Dakota	Sheridan	5 miles southwest of McClusky
Ohio	Delaware	25 miles north-northeast of Columbus
Oklahoma	Oklahoma	8 miles north of Oklahoma City
Oregon	Crook	25 miles south-southeast of Prineville
Pennsylvania	Centre	2 1/2 miles southwest of Bellefonte
Rhode Island	Kent	1 mile south-southwest of Crompton
South Carolina	Richland	13 miles southeast of Columbia
South Dakota	Hughes	8 miles northeast of Pierre
Tennessee	Rutherford	5 miles northeast of Murfreesboro
Texas	McCulloch	15 miles northeast of Brady
Utah	Sanpete	3 miles north of Manti
Vermont	Washington	3 miles east of Roxbury
Virginia	Buckingham	5 miles southwest of Buckingham
Washington	Chelan	10 miles west-southwest of Wenatchee
West Virginia	Braxton	4 miles east of Sutton
Wisconsin	Wood	9 miles southeast of Marshfield
Wyoming	Fremont	58 miles east-northeast of Lander

Geographic area	Locality	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
Conterminous United States (48 States)	Near Lebanon, Smith County, Kansas	39°50'	98°35'
Continental United States (49 States)	Near Castle Rock, Butte County, South Dakota	44°59'	103°38'
The United States (50 States)	West of Castle Rock, Butte County, South Dakota	44°58'	103°46'
North American Continent	6 miles west of Balta, Pierce County, North Dakota	48°10'	100°10'

No marked or monumented point has been established by any government agency as the geographic center of either the 50 States, the conterminous United States, or the North American continent. However, a monument was erected in Lebanon, Kansas, by a group of citizens who hired engineers to determine the position of the "geographic center" of the United States.

Sometimes confused with the geographic center of the United States is the triangulation station "Meades Ranch," located at latitude 39°13'26.686" North and longitude 98°32'30.506" West, about 12 miles north of Lucas, Kansas. This was the primary reference point for the North American Datum of 1927, the standard on which all the latitude and longitude lines for North America were based. This datum is being replaced by the North American Datum of 1983, which is not hinged to a single point of reference.

## Distances From Extreme Points to Geographic Centers

Extreme point	Coordinates Latitude (N) Longitude (W)		Direction from geo- graphic centers	50 States* Statute miles	49 States** Statute miles	48 States*** Statute miles
Point Barrow, AK	71°23'	156°29'	Northwest	2,507	2,509	2,940
Pochnoi Point, Semisopochnoi, AK	51°57'	179°52'(E)	Northwest	3,372	3,377	3,802
West Point of Amatignak Island, AK	51°17'	179°09'	Northwest	3,352	3,357	3,780
Cape Wrangell, Attu Island, AK	52°55'	172°27'(E)	Northwest	3,625	3,630	4,061
Lake of the Woods Projection, MN	49°23'	95°09'	Northeast	507	501	1,682
North end,(N-S boundary) ME- New Brunswick, Canada	47°04'	67°47'	Northeast	1,719	1,713	1,613
West Quoddy Head, ME	44°49'	66°57'	East	1,788	1,782	<sup>2</sup> 1,643
Key West, FL	24°32'	81°48'	Southeast	1,873	1,869	1,439
Cape Sable, FL	25°07'	81°05'	Southeast	1,867	1,863	1,437
Log Point, Elliot Key, FL	25°29'	80°11'	Southeast	1,882	1,877	1,455
East Point, St. Croix, VI	17°45'	64°34'	Southeast	2,938	2,932	2,540
Extreme south point of TX	25°50'	97°24'	South	1,370	1,369	971
Steps Point, America Samoa	14°23'(S)	170°46'	Southwest	5,859	5,866	5,954
Orote Point, Guam	13°27'	144°37'(E)	Southwest	6,579	6,584	6,974
Kure Island, HI	28°25'	178°20'	Southwest	4,142	4,148	4,486
Ka Lae, HI	18°55'	155°41'	Southwest	3,463	3,470	3,664
Cape Mendocino, CA	40°26'	124°24'	West	1,091	1,098	1,361
Cape Alava, WA	48°10'	124°44'	West	1,018	1,024	1,414

\*West of Castle Rock, Butte County, South Dakota. 44°58'N—103°46'W

\*\*Near Castle Rock, Butte County, South Dakota. 44°59'N—103°38'W

\*\*\*Near Lebanon, Smith County, Kansas. 39°50'N—98°35'W

<sup>1</sup>General direction to Lake of the Woods Projection is north.

<sup>2</sup>General direction to West Quoddy Head is northeast.

## Extreme Distances (computed to mean sea level)

From	To	Statute miles
West Quoddy Head, ME, along the parallel	Pacific Ocean	2,742
West Quoddy Head, ME	Cape Wrangell, AK	4,831
West Quoddy Head, ME	Kure Island, Hawaii	5,797
West Quoddy Head, ME	Point Arena, CA (farthest points, 48 States)	2,892
Log Point, Elliot Key, FL	Kure Island, Hawaii (farthest points, 50 States)	5,859
Log Point, Elliot Key, FL	Cape Wrangell, AK	5,505
Soldier Key, FL	Kure Island, Hawaii	5,859
Soldier Key, FL	Cape Wrangell, AK	5,503
Rivera Beach, FL	Kure Island, Hawaii	5,823
East Point, St. Croix, VI	Cape Wrangell, AK	6,501
East Point, St. Croix, VI	Orote Point, Guam (longest distance including outlying areas)	9,514
Approximately 10 miles south of Brunswick, GA	Approximately 12 miles south of San Diego, CA (shortest coast-to-coast distance, 48 States)	2,089
North end of ME-New Brunswick, Canada boundary	Orote Point, Guam	7,747
Point Barrow, AK	Steps Point, Tutuila Island, American Samoa	5,971
Southern Point of TX, due north	49th parallel	1,602
West point of Amatignak Island, AK	Pochnoi Point, Semisopochnoi Island, AK (distance between the most easterly and the most westerly points in the United States with reference to the 180° meridian)	63

## Lengths of United States Boundaries

	Statute miles
Northern boundary of conterminous United States	3,987
Canada-Alaska boundary	1,538
Southern boundary of conterminous United States	1,933



