

California

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Flag:

[Historic Bear Flag](#) raised at Sonoma on June 14, 1846, by a group of American settlers in revolt against Mexican rule. The flag was designed by William Todd on a piece of new unbleached cotton. The

star imitated the lone star of Texas. A grizzly bear represented the many bears seen in the state. The word, "California Republic" was placed beneath the star and bear. It was adopted by the 1911 State Legislature as the State Flag. [Source: California Blue Book.



California (The Golden State — 1968)

California was first known simply as The Gold State, because of the Gold Rush of 1848. It was also sometimes known as **El Dorado** and, because of its wine connections, **The Grape State**. The "Gold"

was changed to "Golden" by 1867, and since then the state has been known as **The Golden State**, which became the state's official nickname in 1968 (appearing also on licence plates). California's state flower is the Golden Poppy, which has led some to assume that it is from this which the state gets its nickname whereas in reality it is much more likely that the state flower was chosen because of the "golden" reference.

Economy:

Agriculture: Vegetables, fruits and nuts, dairy products, cattle, nursery stock, grapes.

Industry: Electronic components and equipment, aerospace, film production, food processing, petroleum, computers and computer software, tourism.