

Missouri

Show Me Missouri



Flag:

Centered on red, white and blue fields is the Missouri state seal. It is encircled by a blue band with twenty-four stars representing the number of states in 1821. The stars in the inner circle have the same meaning. Two huge grizzly bears support the circular shield in the center which has three parts:

The motto "United We Stand, Divided we Fall"

The right section representing the United States

The left section containing a moon representing a new state and a grizzly bear standing for courage.

The flag was designed by Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Oliver of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Flag adopted 1913.



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Missouri has been known as the Iron Mountain State, Bullion State (from around 1848, and possibly an allusion to the nickname of Missouri senator Benton, who was known as "Old Bullion"), the **Lead State**, the **Ozark State**, the **Puke State** (possibly a corruption of "Pike", as there is a Pike County in Missouri, and another just across the river in Illinois), the **Cave State**, and the **Pennsylvania of the West**. The modern nickname of the **Show Me State** (which also appears on licence plates) was given national popularity at the end of the 19th century from a phrase included in a speech by a Missouri congressman, William Vandiver, although it had existed before then.

Economy:

Agriculture: Cattle, soybeans, hogs, dairy products, corn, poultry and eggs.

Industry: Transportation equipment, food processing, chemical products, electric equipment, fabricated metal products.