



Flag:

[The South Dakota flag](#) features the state seal surrounded by a golden blazing sun in a field of sky blue. Letters reading "South Dakota, The Mount Rushmore State" -- the official state nickname -- are arranged in a circle around the sun.



South Dakota (The Mount Rushmore State — 1980)

When Dakota split into two parts, South Dakota became variously known as the **Blizzard State**, the **Artesian State** (for the many artesian wells in the state), and the **Land of Plenty**. It was also known as the **Sunshine State** a name, which unlike the other three, was retained and which was depicted on the state flag until 1980. In that year, South Dakota deferred to Florida's claim on the nickname and relaunched the state officially as the **Mount Rushmore State**, which appears in words on the state flag. The other common nickname is **The Coyote State**, which comes from the prairie wolf, named by the Nahuatl Indians as the "coyotl", from which we get "Coyote" (and which is also a nickname for the residents of the state). Licence plates declare **Great Faces, Great Places**.

Economy:

Agriculture: Cattle, hogs, wheat, soybeans, milk, corn.

Industry: Food processing, machinery, lumber and wood products, tourism.