



**Flag:**

The flag was adopted as the state flag when Texas became the 28th state in 1845. As with the flag of the United States, the blue stands for loyalty, the white represents strength, and the red is for bravery.

**Texas (no official nickname)**



Probably no state has a more well-known nickname than Texas - the **Lone Star State** (which is how it is described on its licence plates). It represents the symbol on the 1836 Texas Republic flag (itself based on history going back to the "Long Expedition" in 1819), and on the state flag and seal of today. Despite its prominence, the nickname is purely traditional and has not been enshrined in legislation. Many attempts have been made to apply other nicknames to the state, with various levels of success. Its huge cattle "industry" led it to be known as the **Beef State** for a while, and its size gave it the **Jumbo State**. In 1961, the New Yorker called it the **Super-American State**, and others have tried for the **Banner State**, and the **Blizzard State**.

**Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Cattle, cotton, dairy products, nursery stock, poultry, sorghum, corn, wheat.

**Industry:** Chemical products, petroleum and natural gas, food processing, electric equipment, machinery, mining, tourism.