

# California State Facts

## Lesson 2

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### 1. Where is Yosemite National Park located?

Yosemite National Park is located in the **east-central part of California** in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

### 2. Name the largest earthquake fault in California.

The largest earthquake fault in California is the **San Andreas Fault**. It is about 800 miles long. San Francisco and Los Angeles are on opposite sides of the fault.

### 3. Texas and Alaska produce oil. Does California?

**Yes, it does.** California is the third largest producer of oil in the USA. Much of the oil pumped in California comes from Kern County and the Los Angeles area.

### 4. What time zone is California in?

California is in the **Pacific Time Zone**. When it is 9:00 AM in California, it is 12:00 PM (noon) in New York.

### 5. Name a large lake that is on the California-Nevada border.

**Lake Tahoe** is on the California-Nevada border. The water in the lake is very clean and clear. The word *Tahoe* is Indian and it means *edge of the lake*.

### 6. What are people who live in California called?

People who live in California are called **Californians**. People who are from California but have moved someplace else are also called Californians. The term *native Californian* refers to someone who was born in California.

### 7. How many people live in California?

Over **thirty-five million (35,000,000)** people live in California (2005). This makes California the most populated state in the USA. In the 2000 census, the people in California were: 32.4 percent Hispanic, 27.1 percent White but not Hispanic, 10.9 percent Asian, 6.7 percent Black, 1 percent Native American, 0.3 percent native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, and 21.5 percent mixed heritage or not reporting.

### 8. Which valley has many farms? The Central Valley or Death Valley?

The **Central Valley** has many farms. Since the Central Valley has mild temperatures with little frost, crops are grown all year round. Death Valley is too hot and dry for crops.

### 9. Is more of the state's water used for agricultural purposes or for urban uses?

More of the state's water is used for **farming and raising animals** (43%) than by homes, businesses, factories, and public services like fighting fires and cleaning streets (11%).

### 10. Name a California dairy product that is often advertised on TV.

**Cheese** is a popular California dairy product that is often advertised on TV. California is the second largest cheese producing state (20%). Only Wisconsin produces more cheese than California.