

California State Facts

Lesson 2



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-seven million (37,000,000)** people live in California (2010). This makes California the most populated state in the USA. In 2008, the people in California were: 36.6 percent Hispanic or Latino, 42.3 percent White but not Hispanic, 12.5 percent Asian, 6.7 percent African American, 1.2 percent Native American, 0.3 percent native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, and 2.6 percent mixed heritage.

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 the 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.