

California State Facts

Lesson 5



1. What is the two-letter postal abbreviation for California?

The two-letter postal abbreviation for California is **CA**. Another abbreviation for California is 'Calif.'

2. Is California the ninth or the nineteenth largest economy in the world?

California is the **ninth** largest economy in the world. Most of its income comes from agriculture, aerospace, entertainment, computer products, mining, and tourism (2005).

3. Name the five most populated cities in California.

Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, and Long Beach are the five most populated cities in California. The next five are Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland, Santa Ana, and Anaheim.

4. What is the name of Sea World's most famous whale?

Sea World's most famous whale is **Shamu**. Shamu is a killer whale. Killer whales live in all five oceans of the world, but most of them live in the Arctic and Antarctic oceans. Killer whales live for 25-35 years. They are numerous and are not an endangered species.

5. What is the average temperature in San Diego?

The average temperature in San Diego is **72 degrees**. San Diego has few storms and no snow. The temperature exceeds 90 degrees about three days per year.

6. Name the three states that border California.

Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona border California. Oregon is north of California and Nevada and Arizona are east of California. Mexico, a country, borders California on the south.

7. Is San Diego north or south of Los Angeles?

San Diego is 120 miles **south** of Los Angeles. It takes about two hours to drive from San Diego to Los Angeles. The Interstate 5 (I-5) connects the two cities.

8. Do more people live in San Diego or San Francisco?

More people live in **San Diego** than in San Francisco. In 2007, about 1,256,509 people lived in San Diego and about 808,844 people lived in San Francisco.

9. What percent of California residents are poor?

About **13.3%** of the people living in California live below the poverty level. (2008)

10. What national cemetery is located in San Diego?

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery is located in San Diego. It is on Point Loma between the San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Fort Rosecrans is one of six national cemeteries in California. More than 86,000 military personnel or family members are buried there.