

Region 4 Fun Facts

| State | # of Counties (619 total) | Total Area (Sq miles, land+water) (rank of 50 states) 298,358 total |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|
| Alabama | 67 | 52,419 (30th) |
| Illinois | 102 | 57,914 (25th) |
| Indiana | 92 | 36,418 (38th) |
| Kentucky | 120 | 40,409 (37th) |
| Ohio | 88 | 44,825 (34th) |
| Tennessee | 95 | 42,143 (36th) |
| West Virginia | 55 | 24,230 (41st) |

| State | State Nickname | State Flower | State Bird | State Insect | State Gemstone |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Alabama | Heart of Dixie | Camellia | Yellowhammer | Monarch Butterfly | Star Blue Quartz |
| Illinois | Prairie State | Violet | Northern Cardinal | Monarch Butterfly | none |
| Indiana | Hoosier State | Peony | Northern Cardinal | Say's Firefly | none |
| Kentucky | Bluegrass State | Goldenrod | Northern Cardinal | European Honey Bee | Freshwater Pearl |
| Ohio | Buckeye State | Scarlet Carnation | Northern Cardinal | Ladybug | Ohio Flint |
| Tennessee | Volunteer State | Purple Passionflower | Northern Mockingbird | 7 spotted Ladybug | Tennessee River Pearl |
| West Virginia | Mountain State | Rhododendron | Northern Cardinal | European Honey Bee | Mississippian Fossil Coral |

| State | 4 Famous Singers |
|---------------|--|
| Alabama | Hank Williams Sr; Lionel Ritchie; Percy Sledge; Emmylou Harris |
| Illinois | Burl Ives; Curtis Mayfield; Benny Goodman; Sam Cooke |
| Indiana | Michael Jackson; Cole Porter; David Lee Roth; John Mellencamp |
| Kentucky | Loretta Lynn; Everly Brothers; Stephen Cochran; Nick Lachey |
| Ohio | Dean Martin; Anita Baker; Doris Day; John Legend |
| Tennessee | Aretha Franklin; Tina Turner; Roy Acuff; Dolly Parton |
| West Virginia | Bill Withers; Brad Paisley; Red Sovine; Little Jimmy Dickens |

| State (7) | Region 4 Chorus (21 Choruses) | RMT Member Representation |
|---------------|---|---|
| Alabama | Harmony Hills Chorus | Natalie Allen |
| Illinois | Harmony Roses Chorus | |
| Indiana | Capital City Chorus, One Voice, Spirit of Evansville Chorus, White River Sound Chorus | Sue Pelley |
| Kentucky | Pride of Kentucky Chorus, Unbridled Harmony Chorus | Marsha Leistner |
| Ohio | Cincinnati Sound Chorus, Columbus Chorus, Diamond Jubilee Chorus, Friendship VII Chorus, Gem City Chorus, Ohio Heartland Chorus, Scioto Valley Chorus | Deb Bringman, Kristie Clark, Jeanne Delahunty, Lura Nightlinger, Liz Sabo-Johnson |
| Tennessee | K-Town Sound Show Chorus, Metro Nashville Chorus, Scenic City Chorus, TuneTown Show Chorus | Kim Wonders |
| West Virginia | Almost Heaven Chorus, River Magic Chorus | Beverly Miller |

Ohio

Shawshank Redemption filmed at the Ohio State reformatory in Mansfield Ohio.
Twinsburg – World's largest Twins Annual Gathering
Largest basket in the world – Longaberger, Dresden Ohio
Birthplace of Flight -Dayton Ohio
Hall of Fame – Rock and Roll in Cleveland, Pro Football in Canton
Birthplace of football – American Professional Football Association in Canton in 1920
1st Traffic light in 1914 in Cleveland
Chewing Gum Patent issued in 1869 to inventor in Toledo.
Pop Top can invented in Ohio.
1st Professional baseball team – Cincinnati Reds
Duct Tape capital of the world in Avon Ohio, home of Duck Brand Duct tape
Largest Serpent effigy in world in southwestern Ohio
Wendy's Company is from Columbus Ohio

Illinois

Home of the world's largest bottle of ketchup
1st state to ratify the 13th Amendment to abolish Slavery.
Ice Cream Sunday originated in Evanston Ill.
Nabisco factory in Chicago is world's largest bakery in the world at 1,800,00 sq ft.
The term "jazz" was coined in Chicago in 1914 by Benny Goodman and Gene Krupa
Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago is the nation's oldest public zoo, founded in 1868.
Third highest number of personalized license plates
1st McDonald's opened in Des Plaines, Illinois

IL:
Nickname:
Prairie State

Flower:
Violet



Bird:
Northern
Cardinal



Gemstone:
none

IN:
Nickname:
Hoosier State

Flower:
Peony



Bird:
Northern
Cardinal



Gemstone:
none

OH:
Nickname:
Buckeye State

Flower:
Scarlet Carnation



Bird:
Northern
Cardinal



Gemstone: Ohio
Flint

WV:
Nickname:
Mountain State

Flower:
Rhododendron



Bird:
Northern Cardinal



Gemstone:
Mississippian Fossil
Coral

KY:
Nickname:
Bluegrass State

Flower:
Goldenrod



Bird:
Northern Cardinal



Gemstone:
Freshwater Pearl

TN:
Nickname:
Volunteer State

Flower:
Purple Passionflower



Bird:
Northern
Mockingbird



Gemstone:
Tennessee River
Pearl

AL:
Nickname:
Heart of Dixie

Flower:
Camellia



Bird:
Yellowhammer



Gemstone:
Starblue Quartz