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## Abbreviations of the names of the states in the USA

Source: <http://www.yourdictionary.com/dictionary-articles/state-abbrev.html>

Alabama: AL	Louisiana: LA	Ohio: OH
Alaska: AK	Maine: ME	Oklahoma: OK
Arizona: AZ	Maryland: MD	Oregon: OR
Arkansas: AR	Massachusetts: MA	Pennsylvania: PA
California: CA	Michigan: MI	Rhode Island: RI
Colorado: CO	Minnesota: MN	South Carolina: SC
Connecticut: CT	Mississippi: MS	South Dakota: SD
Delaware: DE	Missouri: MO	Tennessee: TN
Florida: FL	Montana: MT	Texas: TX
Georgia: GA	Nebraska: NE	Utah: UT
Hawaii: HI	Nevada: NV	Vermont: VT
Idaho: ID	New Hampshire: NH	Virginia: VA
Illinois: IL	New Jersey: NJ	Washington: WA
Indiana: IN	New Mexico: NM	West Virginia: WV
Iowa: IA	New York: NY	Wisconsin: WI
Kansas: KS	North Carolina: NC	Wyoming: WY
Kentucky: KY	North Dakota: ND	