

AP Style State Abbreviations

State abbreviations in Associated Press (AP) style are universally and typically used by writers and editors for newspapers, magazines and press releases. Do not use US Postal abbreviations, unless you intend to send them a package instead of the news.



Certain states are not abbreviated at all, and several cities do not require a state name following them. Use the below AP Style tables to find abbreviation rules applicable for your city and state.

State	AP Abbreviation	State	AP Abbreviation
Alaska	Alaska	Missouri	Mo.
Alabama	Ala.	Montana	Mont.
Arizona	Ariz.	Nebraska	Neb.
Arkansas	Ark.	Nevada	Nev.
California	Calif.	New Hampshire	N.H.
Colorado	Colo.	New Jersey	N.J.
Connecticut	Conn.	New Mexico	N.M.
Delaware	Del.	New York	N.Y.
District of Columbia	D.C.	North Carolina	N.C.
Florida	Fla.	North Dakota	N.D.
Georgia	Ga.	Ohio	Ohio
Hawaii	Hawaii	Oklahoma	Okla.
Illinois	Ill.	Oregon	Ore.
Idaho	Idaho	Pennsylvania	Pa.
Indiana	Ind.	Rhode Island	R.I.
Iowa	Iowa	South Carolina	S.C.
Kansas	Kan.	South Dakota	S.D.
Kentucky	Ky.	Tennessee	Tenn.
Louisiana	La.	Texas	Texas
Maine	Maine	Utah	Utah
Maryland	Md.	Vermont	Vt.
Massachusetts	Mass.	Virginia	Va.
Michigan	Mich.	Washington	Wash.
Minnesota	Minn.	West Virginia	W.Va.
Mississippi	Miss.	Wisconsin	Wis.
		Wyoming	Wyo.

Cities that do not require State Names			
Atlanta	Detroit	Minneapolis	Salt Lake City
Baltimore	Honolulu	New Orleans	San Antonio
Boston	Houston	New York	San Diego
Chicago	Indianapolis	Oklahoma City	San Francisco
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	Philadelphia	Seattle
Cleveland	Los Angeles	Phoenix	Washington
Dallas	Miami	Pittsburgh	
Denver	Milwaukee	St. Louis	