

Minnesota State Flag

North Star State • Capital: Saint Paul • Statehood: 1858

Overview

Adopted in 2024, Minnesota's flag is a dark blue shape echoing the state's outline, set against a light blue field and carrying a single white eight-pointed star. The star is the North Star of the state motto, L'Étoile du Nord, and the light blue stands for the state's lakes and rivers. It replaced a crowded seal-on-blue design with one of the simplest flags in the country.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 2024-05-11

Designer: Andrew Prekker, refined by the State Emblems Redesign Commission

Ratio: 3:5

Dark blue field shaped like Minnesota at the hoist, bearing a white eight-pointed star, beside a light blue field.

Colors



#002D5D



#52C9E8



#FFFFFF

Symbolism

north star

Represents Minnesota's motto 'L'Étoile du Nord' (Star of the North).

dark blue shape

Echoes the outline of the state and the night sky.

light blue

Represents Minnesota's lakes and rivers.

Historical timeline

- 1858: Minnesota admitted as 32nd state.
- 2024: Simplified redesign officially adopted.
- 1893 — First Minnesota flag included state seal and floral emblem.
- 1983 — Modernized but cluttered seal-based design.

Notable facts

- Minnesota is nicknamed the Land of 10,000 Lakes.
- The 2024 redesign simplified the flag for easier recognition.
- The design features a bold, abstract star shape.
- Blue tones represent Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and sky.
- The star symbolizes unity and guidance.
- The asymmetrical shape creates a distinct silhouette.
- The redesign moved away from a seal-on-blue format.
- The new flag was selected through a public redesign process.

Seal deep dive

northStar

A white eight-pointed star set on the dark blue shape near the hoist.

Meaning: Minnesota as the North Star State, representing guidance, hope, and direction

colorFields

Two fields of blue forming a modern geometric layout.

Meaning: Sky and water (light blue) contrasted with stability and depth (dark blue)

Vexillology notes

Design type: Modern geometric symbolic flag

Complexity: 2/10

Readability: 9/10

