

Utah State Flag

Beehive State • Capital: Salt Lake City • Statehood: 1896

Overview

Adopted in 2024, Utah's flag sets a gold beehive inside a blue hexagon, with a white star beneath it. Behind them run three bands: blue sky above, white snow-capped peaks across the middle, and the red rock of southern Utah below. It replaced the older seal-on-blue design, which remains the state's historic flag.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 2024-03-09

Designer: State Legislature redesign

Ratio: 3:5

Blue, white, and red horizontal bands, the white shaped like mountain peaks, with a blue hexagon at the center holding a gold beehive above a white star.

Colors

   
#0A3161 #FFD700 #FFFFFF #B22234

Symbolism

beehive	Symbol of industry and community.
mountains	Represent Utah's natural landscape.
red arc	Represents southern red rock formations.

Historical timeline

- 1913: Original flag with state seal adopted.
- 2024: New simplified design officially adopted.
- 1913 — Utah's older blue flag with state seal.

Notable facts

- Utah's nickname, the Beehive State, reflects values of hard work and cooperation.
- In 2024, Utah became one of the few states to modernize its flag design.
- The beehive is the central symbol of the new flag.
- The hexagon shape represents strength and unity.
- Blue symbolizes Utah's skies and waterways.
- White represents snow and the state's mountain peaks.
- Red represents the red rock canyons of southern Utah.
- The redesign moved away from a seal-on-blue layout for better recognition.

Seal deep dive

beehive

A gold beehive centered on the flag.

Meaning: Industry, community, and perseverance

star

A white five-pointed star positioned below the beehive.

Meaning: Utah's statehood in 1896 and hope for the future

mountains

Stylized white mountains forming a geometric backdrop.

Meaning: Utah's mountain ranges and rugged landscape

colorField

Blue, white, and red bands with a gold beehive and hexagon outline.

Meaning: Continuity with historical Utah symbolism and national colors

Vexillology notes

Design type: Modern symbolic emblem flag

Complexity: 3/10

Readability: 9/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.