

Table 356. Flows of Largest U.S. Rivers—Length Discharge, and Drainage Area

River	Location of mouth	Source stream (name and location)	Length (miles) ¹	Average discharge at mouth (1,000 cubic ft. per second)	Drainage area (1,000 sq. mi.)
Missouri	Missouri	Red Rock Creek, MT	2,540	76.2	2,529
Mississippi	Louisiana	Mississippi River, MN	3,240	459.3	2,511
Yukon	Alaska	McNeil River, Canada	1,980	225	2,328
St. Lawrence	Canada	North River, MN	1,900	348	2,396
Rio Grande	Mexico-Texas	Rio Grande, CO	1,900	(⁷)	336
Arkansas	Arkansas	East Fork Arkansas River, CO	1,460	41	161
Colorado	Mexico	Colorado River, CO	1,450	(⁷)	246
Atchafalaya ⁶	Louisiana	Tierra Blanca Creek, NM	1,420	58	95.1
Ohio	Illinois-Kentucky	Allegheny River, PA	1,310	281	203
Red	Louisiana	Tierra Blanca Creek, NM	1,290	56	93.2
Brazos	Texas	Blackwater Draw, NM	1,280	(⁷)	45.6
Columbia	Oregon-Washington	Columbia River, Canada	1,240	265	2,258
Snake	Washington	Snake River, WY	1,040	56.9	108
Platte	Nebraska	Grizzly Creek, CO	990	(⁷)	84.9
Pecos	Texas	Pecos River, NM	926	(⁷)	44.3
Canadian	Oklahoma	Canadian River, CO	906	(⁷)	46.9
Tennessee	Kentucky	Courthouse Creek, NC	886	68	40.9
Colorado (of Texas)	Texas	Colorado River, TX	862	(⁷)	42.3
North Canadian	Oklahoma	Corrupa Creek, NM	800	(⁷)	17.6
Mobile	Alabama	Tickanetley Creek, GA	774	67.2	44.6
Kansas	Kansas	Arikaree River, CO	743	(⁷)	59.5
Kuskokwim	Alaska	South Fork Kuskokwim River, AK	724	6.7	48
Yellowstone	North Dakota	North Folk Yellowstone River, WY	692	(⁷)	70
Tanana	Alaska	Nabesna River, AK	659	4.1	44.5
Gila	Arizona	Middle Fork Gila River, NM	649	(⁷)	58.2
Porcupine	Alaska	Porcupine River, Canada	569	23	45.1
Susquehanna	Maryland	Hayden Creek, NY	447	38.2	27.2

¹ From source to mouth. ² Drainage area includes both the United States and Canada. ³ The length from the source of the Missouri River to the Mississippi River and thence to the Gulf of Mexico is about 3,710 miles. ⁴ Includes about 167,000 cubic ft. per second diverted from the Mississippi into the Atchafalaya River but excludes the flow of the Red River. ⁵ Excludes the drainage areas of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers. ⁶ In east-central Louisiana, the Red River flows into the Atchafalaya River, a distributary of the Mississippi River. Data on average discharge, length, and drainage area include the Red River, but exclude all water diverted into the Atchafalaya from the Mississippi River. ⁷ Less than 15,000 cubic feet per second.