

Table 348. Flows of Largest U.S. Rivers—Length, Discharge, and Drainage Area

| River | Location of mouth | Source stream (name and location) | Length | Average discharge | Drainage area |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| | | | (miles) ¹ | at mouth (1,000 cubic ft. per second) | (1,000 sq. mi.) |
| Missouri | Missouri | Red Rock Creek, MT | 2,540 | 76.2 | 2,529 |
| Mississippi | Louisiana | Mississippi River, MN | 2,340 | 459.3 | 1,150 |
| 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 | (?) | 336 |
| Arkansas | Arkansas | East Fork Arkansas River, CO | 1,460 | 41 | 161 |
| Colorado | Mexico | Colorado River, CO | 1,450 | (?) | 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 | (?) | 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 | (?) | 84.9 |
| Pecos | Texas | Pecos River, NM | 926 | (?) | 44.3 |
| Canadian | Oklahoma | Canadian River, CO | 906 | (?) | 46.9 |
| Tennessee | Kentucky | Courthouse Creek, NC | 886 | 68 | 40.9 |
| Colorado (of Texas) | Texas | Colorado River, TX | 862 | (?) | 42.3 |
| North Canadian | Oklahoma | Corumpa Creek, NM | 800 | (?) | 17.6 |
| Mobile | Alabama | Tickanetley Creek, GA | 774 | 67.2 | 44.6 |
| Kansas | Kansas | Arikaree River, CO | 743 | (?) | 59.5 |
| Kuskokwim | Alaska | South Fork Kuskokwim River, AK | 724 | 67 | 48 |
| Yellowstone | North Dakota | North Folk Yellowstone River, WY | 692 | (?) | 70 |
| Tanana | Alaska | Nabesna River, AK | 659 | 41 | 44.5 |
| Gila | Arizona | Middle Fork Gila River, NM | 649 | (?) | 58.2 |
| Porcupine | Alaska | Porcupine River, Canada | 569 | 23 | 45.1 |
| Susquehanna | Maryland | Hayden Creek, NY | 447 | 38.2 | 27.2 |
| Stikine | Alaska | Stikine River, Canada | 379 | 56 | 20 |
| Susitna | Alaska | Susitna River, AK | 313 | 51 | 20 |
| Willamette | Oregon | Middle Fork Willamette River, OR | 309 | 37.4 | 11.4 |
| Copper | Alaska | Copper River, AK | 286 | 59 | 24.4 |
| Nushagak | Alaska | Nushagak River, AK | 285 | 36 | 13.4 |

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.