

Table 351. Coastline and Shoreline of the United States by State

[In statute miles. Each statute mile equals one mile. The term **coastline** is used to describe the general outline of the seacoast. For the table below, United States coastline measurements were made from small-scale maps, and the coastline was generalized. The coastlines of large sounds and bays were included. Measurements were made in 1948. **Shoreline** is the term used to describe a more detailed measure of the seacoast. The tidal shoreline figures in the table below were obtained in 1939–1940 from the largest-scale charts and maps then available. Shoreline of the outer coast, offshore islands, sounds, and bays were included, as well as the tidal portion of rivers and creeks. Only states with a coastline or shoreline are included in the following table. For more information on the National Atlas of the United States, see also <<http://nationalatlas.gov/partners.html>>]

State	General coastline	Tidal shoreline	State	General coastline	Tidal shoreline
United States	12,383	88,633	Mississippi	44	359
Alabama	53	607	New Hampshire	13	131
Alaska	6,640	33,904	New Jersey	130	1,792
California	840	3,427	New York	127	1,850
Connecticut	–	618	North Carolina	301	3,375
Delaware	28	381	Oregon	296	1,410
Florida	1,350	8,426	Pennsylvania	–	89
Georgia	100	2,344	Rhode Island	40	384
Hawaii	750	1,052	South Carolina	187	2,876
Louisiana	397	7,721	Texas	367	3,359
Maine	228	3,478	Virginia	112	3,315
Maryland	31	3,190	Washington	157	3,026
Massachusetts	192	1,519			

– Represents zero.

Source: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, 1975; The National Atlas of the United States, *Coastline and Shoreline*; <http://nationalatlas.gov/articles/mapping/a_general.html>.