

**Table 352. Flows of Largest U.S. Rivers—Length, Discharge, and Drainage Area**

River	Location of mouth	Source stream (name and location)	Length (miles) <sup>1</sup>	Average discharge at mouth (1,000 cubic ft. per sec- ond)	Drainage area (1,000 sq. mi.)
Missouri . . . . .	Missouri . . . . .	Red Rock Creek, MT . . . . .	2,540	76.2	<sup>2</sup> 529
Mississippi . . . . .	Louisiana . . . . .	Mississippi River, MN . . . . .	<sup>3</sup> 2,340	<sup>4</sup> 593	<sup>2, 5</sup> 1,150
Yukon . . . . .	Alaska . . . . .	McNeil River, Canada . . . . .	1,980	225	<sup>2</sup> 328
St. Lawrence . . . . .	Canada . . . . .	North River, MN . . . . .	1,900	348	<sup>2</sup> 396
Rio Grande . . . . .	Mexico-Texas . . . . .	Rio Grande, CO . . . . .	1,900	( <sup>7</sup> )	336
Arkansas . . . . .	Arkansas . . . . .	East Fork Arkansas River, CO . . . . .	1,460	41	161
Colorado . . . . .	Mexico . . . . .	Colorado River, CO . . . . .	1,450	( <sup>7</sup> )	246
Atchafalaya <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	Louisiana . . . . .	Tierra Blanca Creek, NM . . . . .	1,420	58	95.1
Ohio . . . . .	Illinois-Kentucky . . . . .	Allegheny River, PA . . . . .	1,310	281	203
Red <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	Louisiana . . . . .	Tierra Blanca Creek, NM . . . . .	1,290	56	93.2
Brazos . . . . .	Texas . . . . .	Blackwater Draw, NM . . . . .	1,280	( <sup>7</sup> )	45.6
Columbia . . . . .	Oregon-Washington . . . . .	Columbia River, Canada . . . . .	1,240	265	<sup>2</sup> 258
Snake . . . . .	Washington . . . . .	Snake River, WY . . . . .	1,040	56.9	108
Platte . . . . .	Nebraska . . . . .	Grizzly Creek, CO . . . . .	990	( <sup>7</sup> )	84.9
Pecos . . . . .	Texas . . . . .	Pecos River, NM . . . . .	926	( <sup>7</sup> )	44.3
Canadian . . . . .	Oklahoma . . . . .	Canadian River, CO . . . . .	906	( <sup>7</sup> )	46.9
Tennessee . . . . .	Kentucky . . . . .	Courthouse Creek, NC . . . . .	886	68	40.9

<sup>1</sup> From source to mouth. <sup>2</sup> Drainage area includes both the United States and Canada. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Includes about 167,000 cubic ft. per second diverted from the Mississippi into the Atchafalaya River but excludes the flow of the Red River. <sup>5</sup> Excludes the drainage areas of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Less than 15,000 cubic feet per second.

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