

the first woman in the state to hold the office.  
1991: Fife Symington elected Governor in special run-off election.  
1997: Secretary of State Jane Hull becomes Governor September 5, 1997,  
after Fife Symington resigns

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### ARKANSAS

Settled: 1686

Date admitted to the Union: 15 June 1836

Order of admission: 25

Capital: Little Rock

Extent in Miles (length): 260

Extent in Miles (width): 240

Area in square miles (land): 52,078

Area in square miles (inland water): 1,109

Area in square miles (total): 53,187

Rank in Area: 27

Official Nickname: Land of Opportunity

Motto: Regnat Populus (The People Rule) (adopted 1836)

Flower: Apple Blossom (adopted 1901)

Bird: Mockingbird (adopted 1929)

Tree: Pine (adopted 1939)

State gem: (1967) diamond

State insect: (1973) honeybee

State instrument: (1985) fiddle

State beverage: (1985) milk

State fruit and blossom: (1987) South Arkansas vine ripe pink tomato

State rock: (1967) quartz crystal

State mineral: (1967) bauxite

Official state historical song: (1987) The Arkansas Traveler

(lyrics by the Arkansas State Song Selection Committee, 1949;

music by Col. Sanford "Sandy" Faulkner, 1850)

Official state songs: (1987) "Arkansas (You Run Deep in Me)" by Wayland Holyfield

"Oh, Arkansas" by Terry Rose and Gary Klaff

Official state anthem" (1987) "Arkansas" by Eva Ware Barnett

The Arkansas Creed: (1972) I believe in Arkansas as a land of opportunity  
and promise.

I believe in the rich heritage of Arkansas and I honor the men and women  
who created this heritage.

I believe in the youth of Arkansas who will build our future.

I am proud of my state. I will uphold its constitution, obey its laws, and  
work for the good of all its citizens.

Population (1990): 2,350,725

Population Rank (1990): 33

Population (2000): {to be done}

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Principal Industries: manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, forestry

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