



Top 10 Reasons for DC Statehood

1. 700,000 people live in the District of Columbia - but they have zero voting representation in Congress
2. Wyoming and Vermont, both of which are less populous than DC and more than 90% white, have two United States Senators and one Representative
3. DC residents pay more in total federal income tax than those in 22 other states yet have no say in how those tax dollars are spent. It's literally taxation without representation.
4. The official bill to make DC our Union's 51st state is called the Washington, DC Admission Act. It passed the House in 2020 and 2021 and was re-introduced in the 118 Congress earlier this year.
5. 200,000 DC residents have served in the armed services and 30,000 veterans live in DC
6. Congress controls DC local laws and budget like a colonial overlord. Congress can and has interfered in our local laws, local funding, and operations. They can even abolish local DC government
7. DC is the only capital of a modern democracy with no voting representation in the national legislature
8. DC residents want Statehood and made their vote clear during the 2016 referendum with 86% in favor to make Washington, DC the 51st state
9. This is an American issue - critical on racial justice and democracy. Washington, DC is an historic place for Black people which still make up 47% of the population.
10. Since the January 6th riot at the Capitol, the women and men of the DC Metropolitan Police Department answered the call to support our federal partners and restored order to the Capitol despite not having full representation in Congress.

Six Popular Myths about the District of Columbia

MYTH #1: Most people in D.C. work for the government and the military. Federal officials represent a small proportion of the District's population. D.C. is home to almost 660,000 people of all backgrounds and occupations, and most have lived there for over 20 years. D.C.'s 120 vibrant neighborhoods each have their own rich, distinct cultural heritage.

MYTH #2: District residents don't pay U.S. taxes but D.C. gets lots of federal money. Washingtonians not only pay federal income taxes, they pay at the highest per-capita rate in the country. In addition, residents pay "statelike," or District taxes – which must be approved by Congress. Eight states receive more federal funds as a percentage of their budgets than D.C.

MYTH #3: D.C. citizens enjoy the same rights as other Americans. Although Washingtonians pay federal income taxes, fight in America's wars and serve on its juries, they have no voting representation in Congress. Also, unlike anywhere else in the country, Congress must approve the local budget and every local law.

MYTH #4: Proximity to the Capitol boosts influence of D.C. residents. In the age of global communications, proximity does not mean access. Most federal officials know more about their home districts or international affairs than about local D.C. issues.

MYTH #5: D.C. is too small to have representation. Washington, D.C. is 63 square miles and has a larger population than Wyoming and Vermont. All states – regardless of size – have equal representation in the Senate.

MYTH #6: D.C. is treated differently because it belongs to all Americans. The area around the National Mall – a very small portion of the District – is home to Congress, the White House and other national landmarks. However, D.C. is mostly made up of 120 unique neighborhoods that tourists never see. Eight states have a higher percentage of federal land ownership than Washington, D.C.