

Ten Things to Know about D.C. Statehood

1. We have more people than either Vermont or Wyoming. They get to be a state. Why not us?
2. Senators and Representatives make critical decisions and must listen to their voters. We don't have anyone with a vote in Congress listening to us.
3. D.C. elects a Delegate to Congress who can do many things but has no vote on any final legislation.
4. We do what we are supposed to—pay taxes, fight for our country, and must obey US laws. We deserve representation.
5. D.C. elects a Mayor and a D.C. Council, but Congress can still throw out our laws and change our budget.
6. Unlike all the states, the federal government is in charge of D.C.'s judicial system.
7. In 2016, D.C. voters voted 86% in favor of statehood.
8. D.C. can become a state by an act of Congress, signed by the president; no Constitutional Amendment needed.



9. **PROGRESS!**
The Washington D.C. Admission Act (HR 51) has passed the House twice. In 2024, HR 51 has 200 co-sponsors and S. 51 in the Senate has 45 cosponsors.
10. When the new state is admitted the nation's capital will be in the Federal District. Our nation's capital will still belong to all Americans!