Happy Birthday California!

This month we celebrate California’s 172nd anniversary of statehood on September 9th.

Did you know? California is the 3rd largest state by area and was the 31st state to join the Union.

The state tree is the Redwood.

The state nickname is the Golden State.

The largest city is Los Angeles.

California remained the most populous state in 2020, but growth slowed in the last decade.

The results of the 2020 Census show that:

- The total population of California was 39,538,223 – an increase of 6.1% from 2010
- 15,579,652 or 39.4% of people in California reported Hispanic or Latino origin – an increase of 11.2% from 2010

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