



# PlayStates

The World's Richest New Trading Game

## How to PlayStates – America's Richest New Trading Game

Everyone finds it easy and fun to PlayStates.  
For additional game challenges and information visit [www.playstates.com](http://www.playstates.com)

### Game Objectives

You can play either one of two games depending on your game time desired.  
Game time up to 20 minutes – winner is playing holding most money after one round.  
Game time 30 to 60 minutes – winner is first player to win one "trillion" trade dollars.

### Package Contents

The PlayStates carton contains:  
55 Playing Cards (50 States, 1 District of Columbia, 4 Power Cards.  
One Hundred and fifty "trading currency" banknotes.  
Full set of game rules and USA map showing States

### Players

PlayStates is generally suitable for 1 – 6 Players aged 7 and up, and for adults of any age.

### Setting Up

1. Set aside the four "Power" cards – People's Power to Vote, Corporations, Nation and Resources.  
2. Set up the trade money in order to win from World Bank.

### World Bank

Place the "trading currency" banknotes, representing the World Bank, in the centre. Sort the banknotes by denomination – and make one stack for each denomination

1 x 1 trillion Note (Statue of Liberty, New York)  
6 x 500 billion notes (Golden Gate Bridge, California)  
6 x 200 billion notes (The Grand Canyon, Arizona)  
20 x 100 billion notes (Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho)  
10 x 50 billion notes (Mount Rushmore, South Dakota)  
10 x 20 billion notes (Kennedy Space Centre, Florida)  
20 x 10 billion notes (Hollywood, California)  
25 x 5 billion notes (Wall Street, New York)  
52 x 1 billion notes (The White House, Washington, D.C)

Elect one player "Banker" to control trading currency and record borrowings from World Bank.

### First Caller

1. Shuffle the 51 PlayStates cards and deal one card to each player.  
2. PlayStates card showing highest electoral votes wins the right to call first.  
3. If drawn number, players who drew, keep drawing until outright winner.

### Winning Statistics

Each PlayStates card shows 10 category statistics, numbered 1 to 10, for selection by players.  
Each statistic is accompanied by an up arrow or down arrow -- or both up and down.  
An up arrow indicates that the highest number wins. A down arrow, lowest wins.  
Where both up and down arrows appear, caller may call for highest or lowest number.

Your challenge is to select and call the single best category from the ten provided to beat your opponents statistic in the same category.

### Dealing Cards

Re- shuffle the card deck including the four "Power" cards, then deal cards for the first round.

1. Player Game: See Single Player Rules.  
2 Player Game: Deal 27 cards face down to each player.  
3 Player Game: Deal 18 cards face down to each player.  
4 Player Game: Deal 13 cards face down to each player.  
5 Player Game: Deal 11 cards face down to each player.  
6 Player Game: Deal 9 cards face down to each player.

Any remainder put to one side.

### Playing Game (First Round)

All players pick up the top card from their deck, but do not reveal the card to others.  
First caller announces best 1 category from 10 (without statistic details).  
Players in turn name their State, call same category statistic.  
Caller announces State, calls statistic number.  
Player with winning statistic collects losing cards plus 1 billion per State card won.  
After collecting from World Bank, all players pick up next card, winning player calls next round.  
Play continues until all cards are played.  
End of first round, players count State cards won and refer to Bonus Billions.  
After drawing final money from World Bank, count money won for Winner of Game 1  
Shuffle cards for next round; player left of first caller starts round until first to 1 trillion (Game 2)

### Bonus Billions

Players winning 10 or more PlayStates cards draw an extra 10 billion for each card won from World Bank.  
Win 10 PlayStates cards; draw an extra 100 billion from World Bank, Win 11, 110 billion, 12, 120 billion.....20, 200 billion.

### Winning Game

Game 1: Player with the most money after first round wins.  
Game 2: Player first to one trillion wins.

### Power Cards

The Nations card deck contains 4 "Power" cards affecting play as follows.

#### People's Power to Vote

If you pick up this card, you automatically trump other players and win that round.  
You also collect 300 billion from World Bank. Keep card face up until next round.

#### Corporations

If you pick up this card, you automatically trump all cards except People's Power to Vote Card.  
You also collect 200 billion from World Bank. Keep card face up until next round.

#### Nature Card

If you pick up this card, you automatically lose your chance to win that round.  
If the player picking up the Nature card is caller, call is passed to player on left.  
Player must also donate 50 billion to World Bank. Keep card face up until next round.

#### Resources Card

If you pick up this card, you automatically lose your chance to win that round.  
If the player picking up the Resources card is caller, call is passed to player on left.  
Player must forfeit 100 billion to World Bank. Keep card face up until next round.

If any player does not have banknotes available to pay to World Bank as above, player may borrow from World Bank to meet payment requirements. Interest at 10% of the borrowed amount must be "charged" to the player by the Banker when finalizing the score for the game.

### Equal Draws

If a player draws the same statistic number as the caller, or if the caller's number is trumped by a drawn number between other players:

round has no winner and all cards remain in the centre as a bonus round.  
player to the left of the caller calls the next round, best statistic wins.  
winner picks up all cards, including bonus round, and wins two rounds.

If a same statistic number is encountered in a "final" round, the caller wins.

### Definitions of terms used in the categories

1. Total Area = includes land and water of the state, calculated in square miles.
2. Highest Point = highest land point in the state measured in feet above sea level.
3. Lowest Point = lowest point in state measured in feet.
4. Ext. Temperatures = highest and lowest recorded extreme temperatures (Fahrenheit) in states history.
5. Population = estimated number of people recorded in the state.
6. Population Density = average number of people living in 1 (one) square mile.
7. Largest City = estimated number of people living in metropolitan city.
8. Capital City = estimated number of people living in government state city.
9. GSP = Gross State Product = size of the economy in the latest year.
10. Medium Income = average annual income within the state.

### Single Player Rules

To challenge yourself:  
Deal one card to four "dummy" hands face down.  
Select the hand(s) you wish to play with and to play against.  
Turn over dealt card in each "dummy" hand.  
Hand with Highest Electoral Votes number wins right to call first.  
Pick up all PlayStates cards and Power cards.  
Shuffle and deal 13 cards to each hand, face down.  
Set aside any remaining cards.  
Turn over first card on hand which calls first.  
Select the single "best" statistic from the ten provided.  
Turn over first card left on other hands including your own.  
Play each hand on its merits.  
Hand with the best statistic number wins the round.  
Winning hand collects losing cards and collects 1 billion for each card won.  
Winning hand turns over next card and plays on until all cards are played.  
Highest hand score in billions collected wins game.

### Count dollars up to \$1 Trillion

One = \$1  
Ten = \$10  
One Hundred = \$100  
One Thousand = \$1,000  
Ten Thousand = \$10,000  
One Hundred Thousand = \$100,000  
One Million = \$1,000,000  
One Hundred Million = \$100,000,000  
One Billion = \$1,000,000,000  
One Trillion = \$1,000,000,000,000

### Quick Information

Record of estimated United States Population dated on 4th November 2008  
305,615,200

**Elections:** There are 538 Electoral Votes available in the Presidential election held every four years. (100 Senators + 435 Representatives + 3 Votes for D.C = 538 Electoral Votes) Consequently candidates for President and Vice President must receive the majority of 270 Electoral Votes to lead the country.

**United States Flag:** The 50 stars in the top left corner represent the 50 States and the 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies.

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## goals

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