States and Their Counties

Read the passage. Then answer the questions in full sentences.

Name _____ Date _____

Most states are divided into smaller parts called counties. Every county has its own name and its own place on the map of its state.

States have very different numbers of counties. Texas has 254 counties, more than any other state. Delaware has only three.

Not every state uses the word county. In Louisiana, these parts are called parishes. Alaska has no counties at all. Its parts are called boroughs and census areas.

In four states, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada and Virginia, some cities do not belong to any county. They are called independent cities. Virginia has 38 of them.

Connecticut's eight counties stopped working as governments in 1960. In 2022, the Census Bureau began to use the state's nine planning regions in their place.

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2. **Which state has the most counties? How many does it have?**

3. **What does Louisiana call its counties?**

4. **Find your own state on a map of its counties. How many counties does it have? Which one do you live in?**

Answer key

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1. What are counties?
   The smaller parts that most states are divided into.

2. Which state has the most counties? How many does it have?
   Texas, with 254.

3. What does Louisiana call its counties?
   Parishes.

4. Find your own state on a map of its counties. How many counties does it have? Which one do you live in?
   Sample answer: Ohio has 88 counties, and I live in Franklin County. Count yours on the map of your state with its counties named.