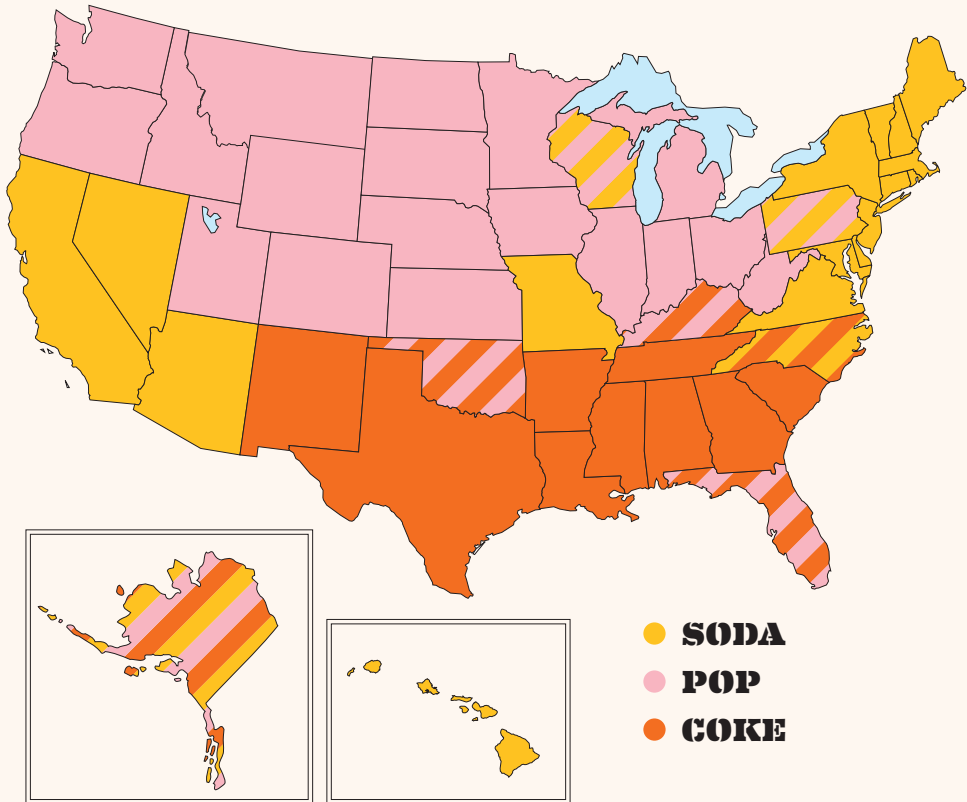




Soda vs. Pop

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Would that which we call “soda” by any other name taste as sweet? No, it seems. The United States is divided between soda drinkers, pop drinkers, and, in the South, a good many coke (with a small *c*) drinkers, where a soft drink by any manufacturer is still called *coke*.

The name *soda* apparently derives from its connection to sodium, a mineral commonly found in natural spring water. Its use in association to carbonation was first recorded in 1802. The name *pop*, on the other hand, was first used in 1812 to describe the sound a cork made when pulled from a bottle of carbonated beverage.



Introductory Dates of Beverage Terms

1798 soda water	1809 ginger pop	1812 pop	1863 soda pop	1880 soft drink	1909 coke	1920 cola
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