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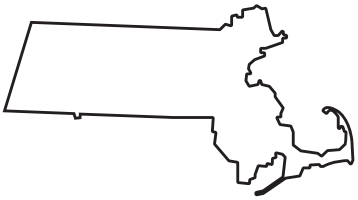
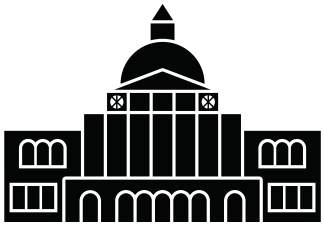
State Nickname: The Bay State/ The Old Colony State



The Capitol of Massachusetts is Boston.



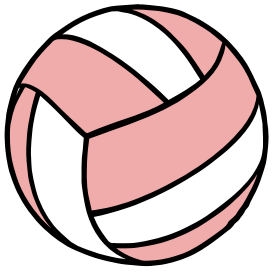
The state tree is the American Elm.

The state bird is the Black-capped Chickadee.

Fenway Park is the oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball (MLB).

FUN FACTS:

Volleyball was founded in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1947.



The first chocolate factory in the U.S., Baker Chocolate, Dorchester.

Massachusetts' state motto is "Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem," which means "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty." It reminds people that freedom is important and worth protecting, even if it takes courage

The state flower is the Mayflower.

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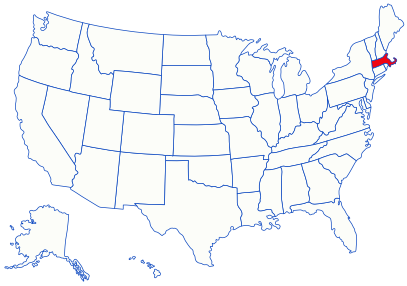
Established: February 6, 1788

The Massachusetts state flag has a white background with a blue shield in the center showing a Native American holding a bow and arrow. Above the shield is a silver arm holding a sword, showing the state's fight for freedom and justice.

STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 10,555**
- **44th Largest State**
- **Largest City: Boston**
- **33 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 3,491 feet, Mount Greylock**

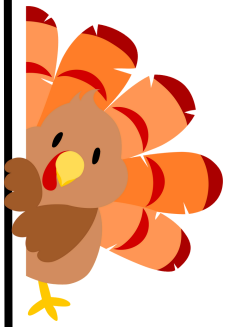


MASSACHUSETTS FIRSTS:

Massachusetts had the first free public school.

Boston Common was the first public park in America.

The first public beach in the United States is in Revere.



Massachusetts is where the Pilgrims landed in 1620 and started one of the first colonies in America. A year later, they shared a special meal with the Wampanoag people, which became the first Thanksgiving.