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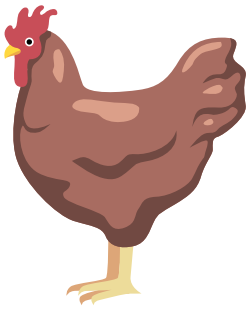
RHODE ISLAND

State Nickname: Little Rhody

The Capitol of Rhode Island is Providence.

The state tree is the Red Maple.



The state bird is the Rhode Island Red.

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FUN FACTS:

Rhode Island is not zombie friendly. There's actually a statewide law against biting off another person's leg.

Rhode Island has its own official dessert—the coffee milk, which is a sweet drink made from coffee syrup mixed with milk, kind of like a local favorite treat!

Rhode Island is the birthplace of the first Baptist church in America, founded by Roger Williams.

Rhode Island's state motto is simply "Hope," and that's the exact original word used—just one powerful word in English. It reminds everyone in the state to always believe that good things can happen, even when times are tough.

The state flower is the Violet.

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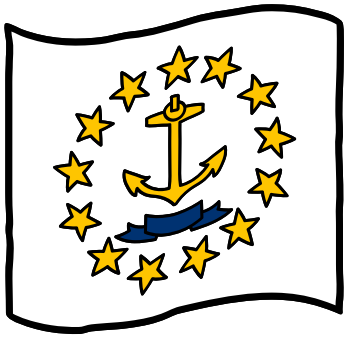
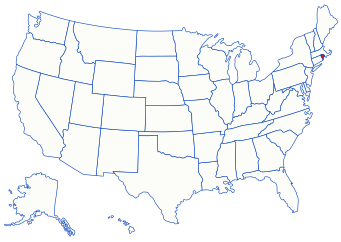
Established: May 4, 1776

Rhode Island's state flag has a bright gold anchor in the center, which stands for hope, just like the state motto. Around the anchor are thirteen golden stars for the original thirteen colonies, and there's a white background with a blue ribbon that says "Hope."



STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 1,545**
- **50th Largest State**
- **Largest City: Providence**
- **22 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 812 feet, Jerimoth Hill**



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RHODE ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS:

It was the first colony to declare independence from British rule on May 4, 1776.

Rhode Island is the smallest state in the U.S.—you can drive across it in less than an hour!

Despite its name, most of Rhode Island is on the mainland—only a small part is actually an island!

Rhode Island has over 400 miles of coastline—even though it's the smallest state! That's why it's called "The Ocean State" and is famous for beaches, sailing, and seafood like clam chowder and lobster rolls.