Fast Facts about Rhode Island

- **State Capital** - Providence
- **Size** - 1,545 square miles (smallest state in the United States)
- **Population** - 1,048,319 (2000 census)
- **Largest City** - Providence
- **Major Cities** - Newport, Warwick, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Cranston, 
- **Major Industries** - Textiles, jewelry, machinery, tourism, health and financial services
- **Highest Point** - Jerimoth Hill (812 ft.)
- **Lowest Point** - Sea levels at the coasts
- **State Nicknames** - The Ocean State, Little Rhody
- **Number of United States Senators** - 2
- **Number of United States Representatives** - 2
- **State Motto** - Hope
- **State Song** - “Rhode Island’s It For Me”

More Facts about Rhode Island

- Newport, Rhode Island is home to the Tennis Hall of Fame.

- The Flying Horse Carousel in Watch Hill is the nation's oldest. It was built in 1850.

- The Redwood Library and Athenaeum in Newport, founded in 1747, is the oldest library in the United States.

- The first circus took place in Newport in 1774.

- The oldest schoolhouse in the U.S. is in Portsmouth, built in 1716.
State Symbols

Flag

Seal

Flower: Violet

Bird: Rhode Island Red

Tree: Maple

Fish: Striped bass

Rock: Cumberlandite
Rhode Island Reading List


