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Rhode Island: The Ocean State



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It might be our smallest state, but Rhode Island is filled with history, beautiful ocean views and sandy shores. The Mini Page learns more about Rhode Island this week.

Smallest state

Rhode stretches only about 48 miles from north to south and 37 miles from east to west.

Its statehood was granted on May 29, 1790, making it the 13th state to join the Union. Rhode Island is also known as "Little Rhody" and the "Ocean State."

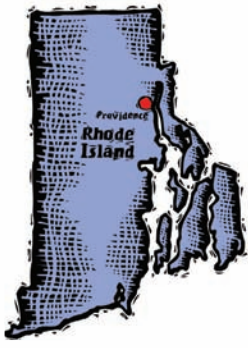
Its top industries are health care services, tourism, and manufacturing of boats, electronics, and ocean and information technology.

Jewelry-making has been a top industry in Rhode Island for about 200 years. Two brothers, Nehemiah and Seril Dodge, started the American jewelry-making industry.

Colony of Rhode Island

Several Algonquian Native American tribes lived in the area for centuries. In 1636, Roger Williams fled Massachusetts to seek religious freedom. His friend Anne Hutchinson fled with him and settled nearby. Their communities joined others in the area to form the colony of Rhode Island.

It was the first colony to make it illegal to bring in slaves, in 1652. It was also the first



colony to declare independence from Britain.

It is the 43rd-most populated state, with about 1 million people.

Things it's known for

Mr. Potato Head was born in Pawtucket at Hasbro toy company 72 years ago, in 1952. He was the first toy to be advertised on TV.

Besides the mainland, the state has 36 islands, including the largest, Rhode Island, in Narragansett Bay.

The oldest surviving U.S. public lending library is the Redwood Library and Athenaeum in Newport.

Started in 1747, an **athenaeum** (ATH-uh-NEE-um) is a place dedicated to learning.

The Redwood Library and Athenaeum also contains a research center, a museum and Rhode Island's first art gallery, established in 1875.

Today the library serves as a place for people to learn about the rich history of Rhode Island.

Mini Fact:

Rhode Island is known for a variety of local seafood, such as clams, lobster, quahogs, oysters and calamari.

Fast facts

- Kingstown is the site of Gilbert Stuart's birthplace. He is famous for painting the portrait of George Washington shown on the \$1 bill.



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- The Ocean State has more than 400 miles of coastline, including around bays and islands. The state is on Narragansett Bay, which connects to the Atlantic Ocean.

- Samuel Slater, a cotton millworker, started the first successful water-powered cotton mill in America in Pawtucket in 1793. The English refused to allow him to leave England because they didn't want the secrets of their machine-made cloth to get out. But he escaped to America and helped start the American Industrial Revolution.

- The U.S. Navy began in Rhode Island when the colony urged the Continental Congress to form a navy to fight British ships in 1775. The U.S. Naval War College is in Newport.

- Extreme wealth allowed many of the richest Americans in the 1800s, such as the Vanderbilts and Astors, to build mansions in Newport as their summer homes.

Resources



On the Web:

- coolkidfacts.com/rhode-island-facts/
- bit.ly/MPRI23

At the library:

- "Rhode Island" by Nel Yomtov

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Rhode Island are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

- ALGONQUIAN, BOATS,
- CLAM, COLONY,
- HISTORY, ISLANDS,
- JEWELRY, LIBRARY,
- LOBSTER, OCEAN,
- MILL, NAVY, SEAFOOD,
- SMALL, STATE,
- TOURISM, TOY.

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 S E A F O O D Y N A M F B C L
 K T S D N A L S I N M F M U L



Mini Jokes



Rhoda: Rhode Island has two capitals. Can you name them?

Rex: R and I!

Eco Note



The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) warns that nearly 40% of the regions it studied around the world now suffer from drier-than-normal conditions, threatening water resources. In a new WMO report, the U.N. agency said the more arid conditions will cause the flow rates of many rivers to be "significantly below what would normally be expected." Also, reduced levels of soil moisture, combined with more frequent heat waves, are causing reductions in crop yields and drops of groundwater levels.

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For later:

Look in the newspaper for articles about Rhode Island.

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Cook's Corner

Easy Pita Chips

You'll need:

- 3 pita rounds
- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- butter-flavored cooking spray



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

- Cut 3 whole pita rounds into halves, then quarters, then eighths, like a pizza.
- Separate triangles into two single pieces. You will have 48 triangular "chips."
- Mix seasoned salt and other spices in a small bowl.
- Place chips in a single layer on a large cookie sheet or baking pan. Spray lightly with cooking spray. Sprinkle spice mixture evenly over the chips.
- Spray chips lightly again to make spices stick.
- Bake in a 450-degree oven for 7 to 9 minutes until slightly brown and crispy.
- Cool chips. Serve with salsa, soft cheese spread or other dips. Serves 8.

1. Areas of land surrounded by water (7-letter plural noun)

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2. Small crafts that travel on the surface of water (5-letter plural noun)

□ □ □ □ □

3. Body of salt water that covers nearly 3/4 of Earth (5-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □

4. Catching animals that live in water (7-letter verb)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

- Rhode Island has 38 _____ along its coasts.
- RI has more _____ per square mile than any other state.
- RI is called the _____ state due to 400 miles of coastline.
- _____ in RI includes looking for flounder, lobster and cod.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Islands, Boats, Ocean, Fishing.

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