

Chapter 1 : Rhode Island - Map of Cities in RI - MapQuest

Rhode island is the smallest U.S. State (in land size), but played a gigantic role in the building of a America, especially in its colonial history and industrial revolution. Closely associated with the sea, it's a favorite summer vacation spots for boaters, fisherman and history buffs.

The original deed to Providence, signed by Chief Canonicus. The congregation founded by Roger Williams in built this church in In after conferring with Williams , Anne Hutchinson , William Coddington , John Clarke , Philip Sherman , and other religious dissenters settled on Aquidneck Island then known as Rhode Island , which was purchased from the local tribes who called it Pocasset. This settlement was called Portsmouth and was governed by the Portsmouth Compact. The southern part of the island became the separate settlement of Newport after disagreements among the founders. Samuel Gorton purchased lands at Shawomet in from the Narragansetts, precipitating a dispute with the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In , Providence, Portsmouth, and Newport united for their common independence as the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations , governed by an elected council and "president". Gorton received a separate charter for his settlement in which he named Warwick after his patron. It was one of nine Colonial colleges granted charters before the American Revolution, but was the first college in America to accept students regardless of religious affiliation. Slaves were introduced in Rhode Island at this time, although there is no record of any law legalizing slave-holding. The colony later prospered under the slave trade, distilling rum to sell in Africa as part of a profitable triangular trade in slaves and sugar with the Caribbean. A combined Franco-American force fought to drive them off Aquidneck Island. Portsmouth was the site of the first African-American military unit, the 1st Rhode Island Regiment , to fight for the U. An expedition of 5, French troops under Count Rochambeau arrived in Newport by sea on July 10, Rhode Island was heavily involved in the slave trade during the post-revolution era. Moses Brown teamed up with Samuel Slater and helped to create the second cotton mill in America, a water-powered textile mill. The Industrial Revolution moved large numbers of workers into the cities, creating a permanently landless class who were therefore also voteless. For the first several decades of statehood, Rhode Island was governed in accordance with the colonial charter. Additionally, the charter disallowed landless citizens from filing civil suits without endorsement from a landowner. In , activists led by Thomas W. Dorr organized an extralegal convention to draft a state constitution, [44] arguing that the charter government violated the Guarantee Clause in Article Four, Section Four of the United States Constitution. Rhode Island furnished 25, fighting men, of whom 1, died. In , Rhode Island abolished racial segregation in the public schools throughout the state. The 50 years following the Civil War were a time of prosperity and affluence that author William G. This was a time of growth in textile mills and manufacturing and brought an influx of immigrants to fill those jobs, bringing population growth and urbanization. Thousands of French-Canadian, Italian, Irish, and Portuguese immigrants arrived to fill jobs in the textile and manufacturing mills in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket. After the war, the state was hit hard by the Spanish Influenza. The Klan is believed to be responsible for burning the Watchman Industrial School in Scituate , which was a school for African-American children. Rhode Island has comprehensive health insurance for low-income children and a large social safety net. Many urban areas still have a high rate of children in poverty. Due to an influx of residents from Boston, increasing housing costs have resulted in more homelessness in Rhode Island. In , a nightclub fire in West Warwick claimed lives and resulted in nearly twice as many injured, catching national attention. The fire resulted in criminal sentences. The first period of rainy weather in mid-March caused localized flooding and, two weeks later, more rain caused more widespread flooding in many towns, especially south of Providence. In addition, it flooded two shopping malls, numerous businesses, and many homes in the towns of Warwick, West Warwick, Cranston, and Westerly. Amtrak service was also suspended between New York and Boston during this period. Following the flood, Rhode Island was in a state of emergency for two days. Geography and climate[edit] Further information: There are more than 30 islands within the bay; the largest is Aquidneck Island which holds the municipalities of Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth. The second-largest island is Conanicut , and the third is Prudence.

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There were initially two known deposits of the mineral, but it is an ore of iron and one of the deposits was extensively mined for its ferrous content. Bridge Most of Rhode Island has a humid continental climate , with warm summers and cold winters. The southern coastal portions of the state are the broad transition zone into temperate climate or subtropical climates, with hot summers and cool winters with a mix of rain and snow. Some hurricanes that have done significant damage in the state are the New England hurricane , Hurricane Carol , Hurricane Donna , and Hurricane Bob

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