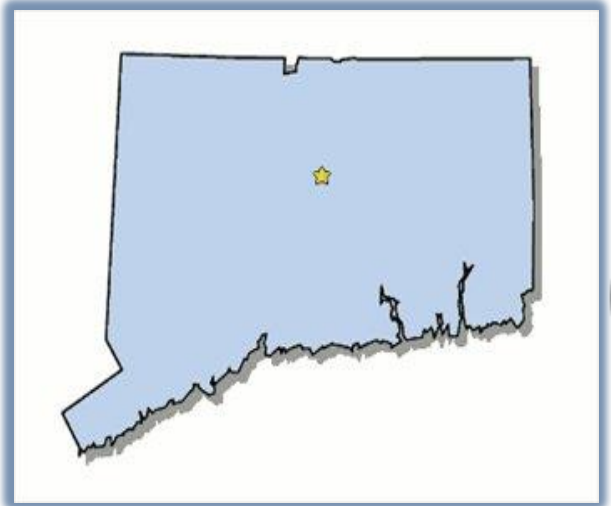
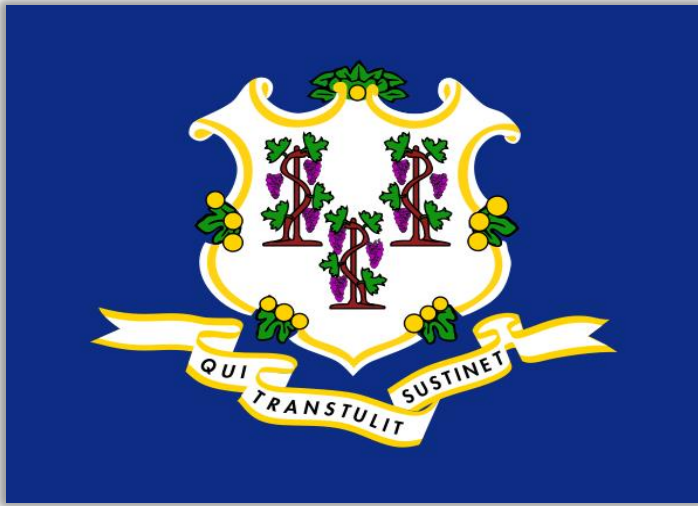




The Northeast Region





CONNECTICUT

Capital City: Hartford

Statehood: January 9, 1788 – It is the 5th State

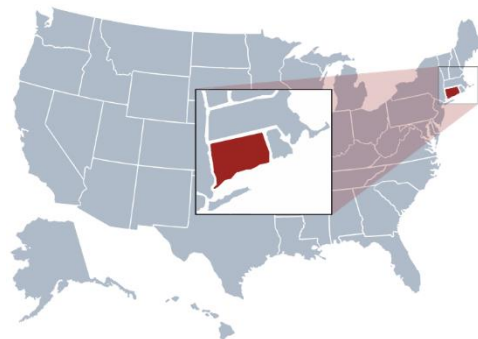
State Motto: *Qui transtulit sustinet* – Latin
Meaning: He Who Transplanted Sustains

Nickname: The Constitution State

Population: 3,596,677 – Rank 29 of 50

Did You Know? Connecticut comes from the Native American word "quinnehtukqt," meaning "beside the long tidal river."

First published in 1764, the oldest newspaper in the U.S. is located in Hartford (The Hartford Courant). It is still in publication today! Also, Noah Webster, the author of the first dictionary (published in 1807) was born in Connecticut.





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DELAWARE

Capital City: Dover

Statehood: December 7, 1787 – It is the 1st State

State Motto: Liberty and Independence

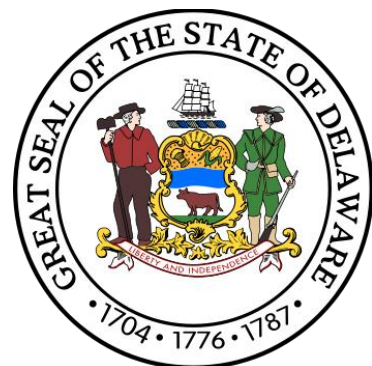
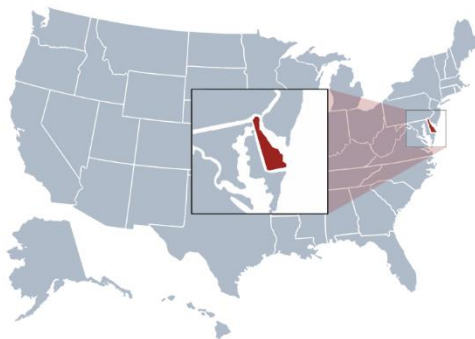
Nickname: The First State

Population: 935,614 – Rank 45 of 50

Did You Know? Delaware was named for Lord de la Warr. He was the first governor of Virginia. It was also the first state to ratify the U.S Constitution in 1787.

Delaware is the only state without any National Park System units such as national parks, seashores, historic sites, battlefields, memorials, and monuments.

A group of elementary school children convinced the state legislature to adopt the lady bug as the official state insect!





MAINE

Capital City: Augusta

Statehood: March 15, 1820 – It is the 23rd State

State Motto: *Dirigo* – Latin Meaning: I Lead

Nickname: The Pine Tree State

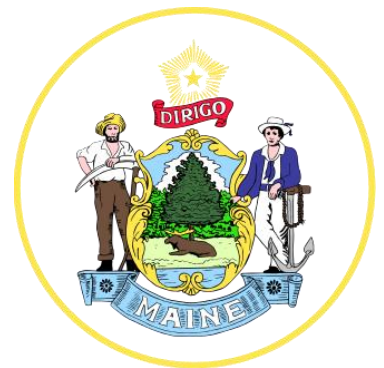
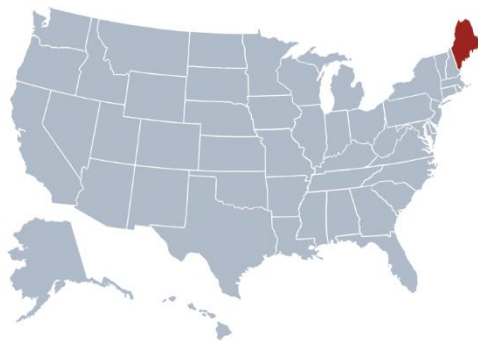
Population: 1,330,089 – Rank 41 of 50

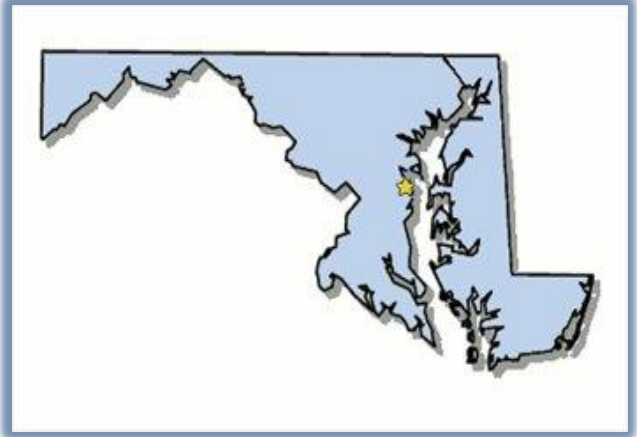
Did You Know? Maine has over 60 lighthouses. One of the most famous is Portland Head Light, which was commissioned by President George Washington.

Eastport is the most eastern city in the United States, receiving the first rays of sunshine each morning.

Maine produces 99% of all the blueberries in the United States.

Maine is the only state in the United States whose name has one syllable.





MARYLAND

Capital City: Annapolis

Statehood: April 28, 1788– It is the 7th State

State Motto: *Fatti maschii, parole femine* – Italian
Meaning: Manly Deeds, Womanly Words

Nickname: The Old Line State

Population: 5,976,407 – Rank 19 of 50

Did You Know? Maryland gave up some of its land, in order to form our nation's capital - Washington, D.C.

The state was named in honor of Henrietta Maria of France – the wife of King Charles I of England.

Maryland is home to the first school in the United States. King William's School opened in 1696. That's 80 years before the country was founded!





MASSACHUSETTS

Capital City: Boston

Statehood: February 6, 1788– It is the 6th State

State Motto: *Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem* – Latin Meaning: By the Sword We Seek Peace, but Peace Only Under Liberty

Nickname: The Bay State

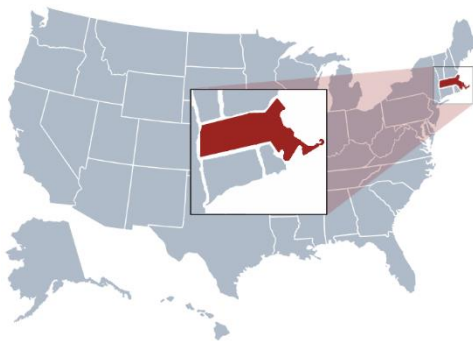
Population: 6,745,408 – Rank 14 of 50

Did You Know? The Boston Tea Party reenactment takes place in Boston Harbor every December 16th.

The first basketball game was played in Springfield.

552 original documents pertaining to the Salem witch trials of 1692 have been preserved and are still stored by the Peabody Essex Museum.

The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in Plymouth in 1621.





NEW HAMPSHIRE

Capital City: Concord

Statehood: June 21, 1788 – It is the 9th State

State Motto: Live Free or Die

Nickname: The Granite State

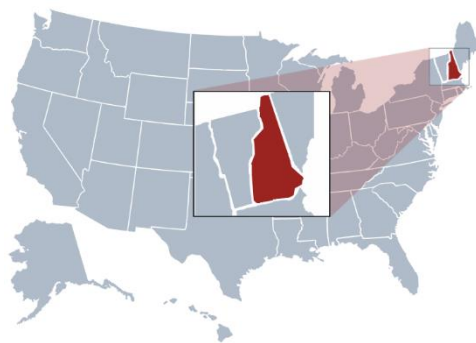
Population: 1,326,813 – Rank 42 of 50

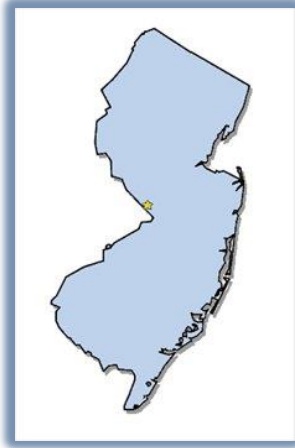
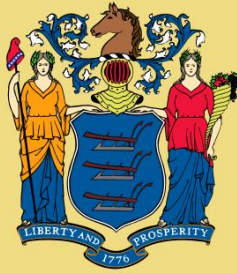
Did You Know? On January 5, 1776, New Hampshire ratified the first-in-the-nation state constitution.

The first potato planted in the U.S. was at Londonderry Common Field in 1719.

Captain John Smith named New Hampshire after the town of Hampshire, England.

In 1833 the first free public library in the United States was established in Peterborough.





NEW JERSEY

Capital City: Trenton

Statehood: December 18, 1787 – It is the 3rd State

State Motto: Liberty and Prosperity

Nickname: The Garden State

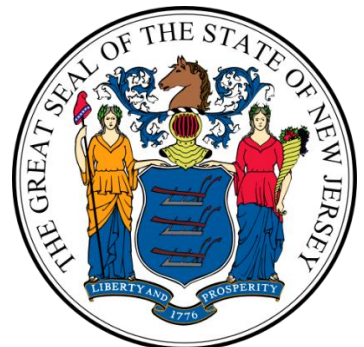
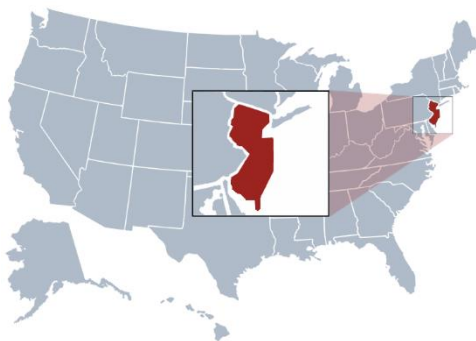
Population: 8,938,175 – Rank 11 of 50

Did You Know? New Jersey has the highest population density in the U.S. An average 1,030 people per square mile, which is 13 times the national average.

The light bulb, phonograph (record player), and motion picture projector were invented by Thomas Edison in his Menlo Park laboratory.

The Hadrosaurus is the official New Jersey state dinosaur.

Atlantic City has the longest boardwalk in the world.





NEW YORK

Capital City: Albany

Statehood: July 26, 1788– It is the 11th State

State Motto: *Excelsior* – Forever Upward

Nickname: The Empire State

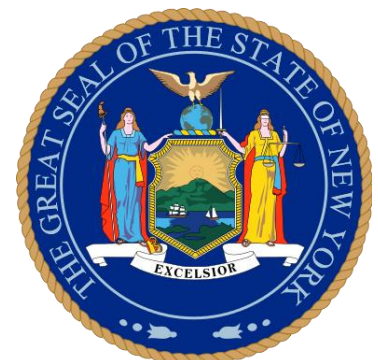
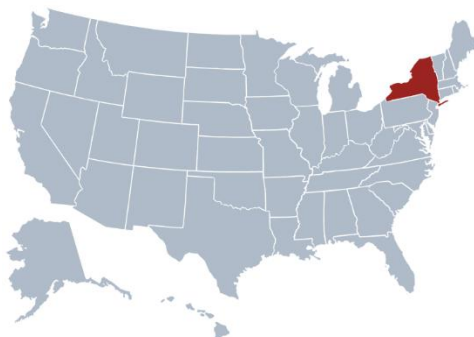
Population: 19,746,227 – Rank 4 of 50

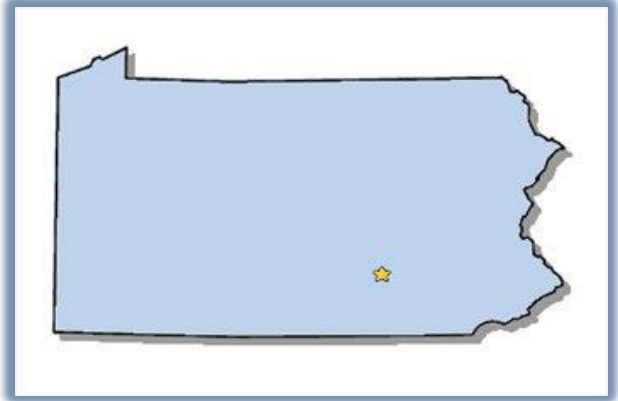
Did You Know? The first capital of the United States was New York City. In 1789 George Washington took his oath of office on the balcony at Federal Hall.

New York City has 722 miles of subway track.

The first railroad in America ran between Albany and Schenectady, a distance of 11 miles.

The Statue of Liberty is located in New York Harbor. She is 101 feet tall from base to torch, 305 feet tall from pedestal foundation to torch. She weighs 450,000 lbs.!





PENNSYLVANIA

Capital City: Harrisburg

Statehood: December 12, 1787– It is the 2nd State

State Motto: Virtue, Liberty, and Independence

Nickname: The Keystone State

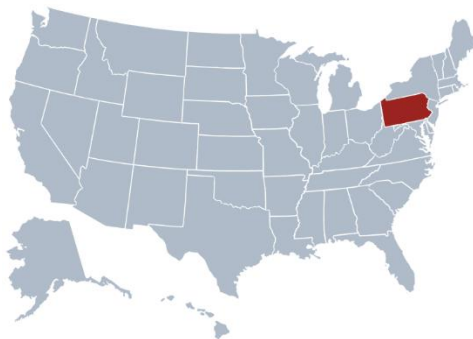
Population: 12,787,209 – Rank 6 of 50

Did You Know? Philadelphia was the seat of the federal government almost continuously from 1776 to 1800; there the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 and the U.S. Constitution drawn up in 1787.

Betsy Ross made the first American flag in Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh is famous for manufacturing steel. Its NFL football team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Philadelphia is home to the Liberty Bell.





RHODE ISLAND

Capital City: Providence

Statehood: May 29, 1790 – It is the 13th State

State Motto: Hope

Nickname: The Ocean State

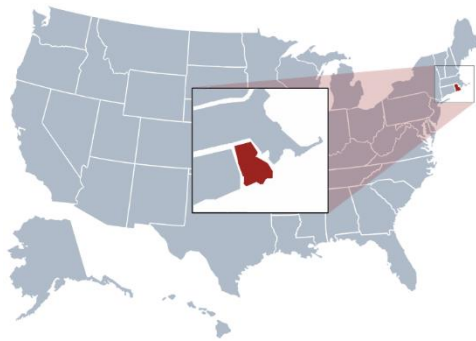
Population: 1,055,173 – Rank 43 of 50

Did You Know? Rhode Island is the smallest state in size in the United States. It covers an area of 1,214 square miles. Its distances North to South are 48 miles and East to West 37 miles.

Rhode Islanders were the first to take military action against England by sinking one of her ships in the Narragansett Bay.

The first circus in the United States was in Newport in 1774.

Rhode Island has no county government. It is divided into 39 municipalities each having its own form of local government.





VERMONT

Capital City: Montpelier

Statehood: March 4, 1791 – It is the 14th State

State Motto: Freedom and Unity

Nickname: The Green Mountain State

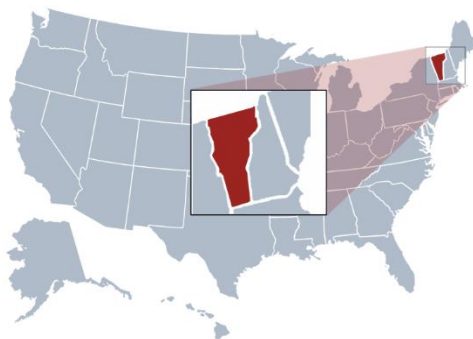
Population: 626,562 – Rank 49 of 50

Did You Know? Vermont was the first state after the original 13 colonies to join the United States.

Vermont was first explored by Frenchman Samuel de Champlain in 1609, when he claimed it for his home country.

Its name is derived from the French words *vert mont* meaning “green mountain.”

With a population of fewer than nine thousand people, Montpelier, Vermont is the smallest state capital in the U.S.





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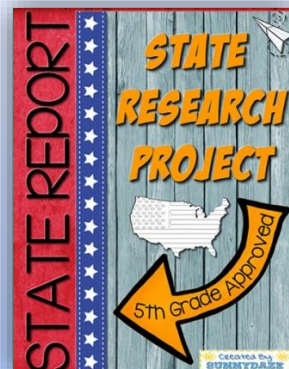
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