



Flag:



On a white field is a blue shield emblazoned with the image of a Native American, Massachuset. He holds a bow in one hand and an arrow in the other. The arrow is pointing downward representing peace. The white star represents Massachusetts as one of the original thirteen states. Around the shield is a blue ribbon with the motto: "By the Sword We Seek Peace, but Peace Only Under Liberty". Above the shield is a arm and sword, representing the first part of the motto. Flag adopted 1915, amended 1971.



Massachusetts

Massachusetts is a commonwealth, and is usually known as the **Bay State**, a nickname that goes right back to its early settlers in 1789, with **Old Bay State** appearing some 50 years later. Both allude to the colony of Massachusetts Bay, founded in 1628. The earlier Plymouth settlement gave Massachusetts **Old Colony**, a name which first appeared around 1798, and those first colonists also led to the state sometimes being known as the **Pilgrim State** and the **Puritan State**. There are reports of it also being called the **Baked Bean State**, an allusion to the fact that the puritans would serve baked beans on Sundays. But Massachusetts licence plates declare **The Spirit of America** or **The Codfish State**

Economy:

Agriculture: Seafood, nursery stock, dairy products, cranberries, vegetables.

Industry: Machinery, electric equipment, scientific instruments, printing and publishing, tourism.