

Rhode Island

And Providence Plantations



Flag:

Placed on a white field is a circle of thirteen gold stars representing the first thirteen states. The stars surround a gold ship's anchor. The state's motto "Hope" is on a blue ribbon below the anchor.



Rhode Island (no official nickname)

The smallest state (but the one with the longest full name of "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations") is often just called ***Little Rhody***, dating back perhaps as early as 1851 (and more recently, the ***Smallest State***). In 1847, it was being referred to as the ***Plantation State*** (a reference to the state's full name). Because of its position, its other common nickname (mainly for the benefit of tourists) is the ***Ocean State***, and this is what appears on its licence plates.

Economy:

Agriculture: Nursery stock, vegetables, dairy products, eggs.

Industry: Fashion jewelry, fabricated metal products, electric equipment, machinery, shipbuilding and boatbuilding, tourism.