Population Density by Census Tract

Rhode Island Population 1970 to 2010

- 2010: 1,052,567
- 2000: 1,048,319
- 1990: 1,003,464
- 1980: 947,154
- 1970: 946,725

State Race Breakdown

- White: 81.4%
- Black or African American: 5.7%
- Asian: 2.9%
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Some other race: 6.0%
- Two or more races: 3.3%

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up 12.4% of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age

Total Population: 1,052,567

- Male: 518,472
- Female: 534,095

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Housing Tenure

- Total Occupied Housing Units: 413,600
- Owner Occupied: 80%
- Renter Occupied: 20%

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units: 2.59 people
Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units: 2.21 people

People per Square Mile by Census Tract

U.S. density is 88.4

County Boundary
Rhode Island Mean Center of Population

2010 Census: Rhode Island Profile

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Rhode Island

2010 Census Population: 1,052,567 (43rd)
Land Area: 1,033.8 square miles (50th)
Density: 1,018.1 (2nd)
Capital: Providence

BASIC INFORMATION
Became a State: May 29, 1790 (13th)
Bordering States: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York
Abbreviation: RI
ANSI/ FIPS Code: 44

HISTORY
The area of Rhode Island was part of the original territory of the United States. An original patent was granted for the Providence Plantations in 1643, and a charter was granted for the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 1663. Rhode Island ratified the Constitution on May 29, 1790; it was the 13th of the original 13 states to join the Union, with generally the same boundary as the present state. However, there were changes to the boundary between Rhode Island and Massachusetts in 1862, and additional changes from a resurvey of that boundary in 1897. The official name of the state is “State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.”

Census data for Rhode Island are available beginning with the 1790 census.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS
Rhode Island has one federally recognized American Indian reservation.

COUNTIES
There are five counties in Rhode Island. Counties in Rhode Island were legally abolished as governmental units but they continue to serve as geographic subdivisions of the state for Census Bureau purposes.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS
There are 40 county subdivisions in Rhode Island which are known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 31 towns which are functioning governmental units, each governed by a town council.

PLACES
Rhode Island has 34 places; 8 incorporated places and 26 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places in Rhode Island are all cities and can legally exist in a single county only. All MCD and place governments in Rhode Island have the same powers and function. Incorporated places are independent of county subdivisions.