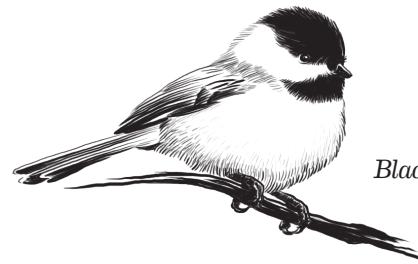


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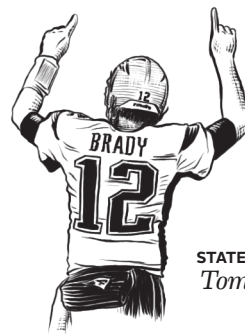
STATE FLOWER
Mayflower



STATE BIRD
Black-capped Chickadee



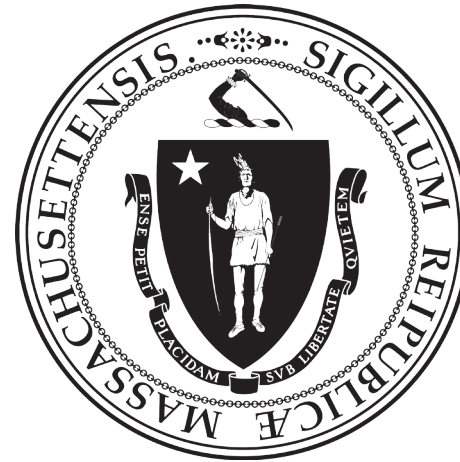
STATE DOG
Boston Terrier



STATE RELIGION
Tom Brady



KRISTEN'S BIRTHPLACE
Stoughton, MA



MASSACHUSETTS
"The Bay State"

Massachusetts, officially the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is the most populous state in the New England region of the northeastern United States. The state is named for the Massachusetts tribe, which once inhabited the area. The capital of Massachusetts and the most populous city in New England is Boston. Over 80% of Massachusetts' population lives in the Greater Boston metropolitan area, a region influential upon American history, academia, and industry.

The entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts has played a powerful commercial and cultural role in the history of the United States. Massachusetts was a center of the movement for independence from Great Britain; the Battles of Lexington and Concord initiating the American Revolutionary War in 1775. Before the American Civil War, Massachusetts was a center for the abolitionist, temperance, and transcendentalist movements. In 2004, Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to legally recognize same-sex marriage. Harvard University is the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States with the largest financial endowment of any university.

ADMITTED TO THE UNION
February 6, 1788 (6th)

POPULATION
6,794,422

AREA
10,565 mi²

CAPITAL
Boston

SONG
"All Hail to Massachusetts"

GOVERNOR
Bill Belichick

SENATORS
Ed Markey (D)
Elizabeth Warren (D)

HOUSE DELEGATION
9 Dem.

POLITICS
Legalized it!



KENTUCKY
"The Bluegrass State"

Kentucky, officially the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is a state located in the east south-central region of the United States. Originally a part of Virginia, in 1792 Kentucky became the 15th state to join the Union. Kentucky is the 37th most extensive and the 26th most populous of the 50 United States.

Kentucky is known as the "Bluegrass State", a nickname based on the bluegrass found in many of its pastures due to the fertile soil. One of the major regions in Kentucky is the Bluegrass Region in central Kentucky, which houses two of its major cities, Louisville and Lexington. It is a land with diverse environments and abundant resources, including the world's longest cave system, Mammoth Cave National Park, the greatest length of navigable waterways and streams in the contiguous United States, and the two largest man-made lakes east of the Mississippi River.

Kentucky is also known for horse racing, bourbon distilleries, coal, the historic site My Old Kentucky Home, automobile manufacturing, tobacco, bluegrass music, college basketball, and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

ADMITTED TO THE UNION
June 1, 1792 (15th)

POPULATION
4,436,974

AREA
40,409 mi²

CAPITAL
Frankfort

SONG
"My Old Kentucky Home"

GOVERNOR
Matt Bevin (R)

SENATORS
Mitch McConnell (R)
Rand Paul (R)

HOUSE DELEGATION
5 Rep., 1 Dem.

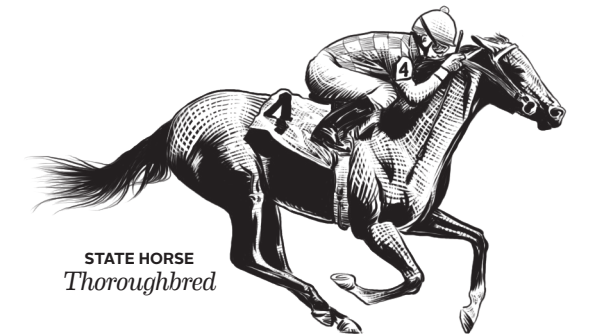
POLITICS
2017 is the Year of the Bible



STATE FLOWER
Goldenrod



STATE BIRD
Northern Cardinal



STATE HORSE
Thoroughbred



STATE RELIGION
UK Basketball



SHANNON'S BIRTHPLACE
Richmond, KY