

## **Comparing and Contrasting Connecticut and Massachusetts**

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### **Connecticut**

Connecticut, located in the New England portion of the northeastern United States, was one of the original 13 Colonies. It became America's fifth state on January 9, 1788. Nicknamed the Constitution State, it borders Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. Its capital is Hartford and its largest city is Bridgeport. Over three and a half million people live in Connecticut, even though it is one of America's smallest states. Thus, Connecticut has a very high population density, in fact, fourth highest in America. This means people are more crowded in Connecticut than in other states. Long Island Sound, part of the Atlantic Ocean, washes ashore in southern Connecticut. The Connecticut River flows south through the middle of the state.

### **Massachusetts**

Massachusetts was one of the original 13 Colonies and is the home of many famous historical sites including Plymouth Rock, Salem Village, Harvard University, and numerous attractions from the Revolutionary War. It is located in the New England section of the northeastern United States and borders Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Massachusetts became a state on February 6, 1788; it was America's sixth state. Massachusetts is home to nearly seven million people and has the third highest population density in America. Its capital and largest city is Boston, which is also the largest city in the New England region, and a national hub for education, shipping, technology, banking, history, and tourism. Eastern Massachusetts has pristine beaches, harbors, sea shores, and wetlands, whereas western Massachusetts is mountainous.

Which facts belong in each category?

<b>Borders Rhode Island</b>
<b>Located in the New England</b>
<b>Is densely populated</b>
<b>Was America's fifth state</b>
<b>Was one of the original 13 Colonies</b>
<b>Borders New Hampshire</b>
<b>The capital city and the largest city are different</b>
<b>Is nicknamed the Constitution State</b>
<b>Has more people</b>
<b>Became a state in 1788.</b>

<b>Connecticut</b>
<b>Both</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>
<b>Neither</b>

**Answers:**

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Is nicknamed the Constitution State**

**Both**

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**Massachusetts**

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**Neither**