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Rhode Island, the Ocean State, offers a unique blend of coastal beauty, historic charm, and vibrant culture. It also boasts a dynamic industry and business community alongside prestigious higher education institutions. Residents delight in fresh seafood cuisine, explore historic landmarks like the Newport Mansions, or unwind amidst the natural splendor of its parks and wildlife refuges. Route 95 is the major transportation corridor to head north to Boston (1.5 hours) or south to NYC (3 hours). We also have Amtrak and the Providence Airport.

The state is shaped like a horseshoe with Narragansett Bay running 28 miles up the middle from the Atlantic Ocean to Providence. URI is on the west side (West Bay), Providence is at the top of the Bay and the East Bay towns run down the other side. Several bridges connect across the Bay crossing Jamestown Island and Aquidneck Island, home to Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport.

Although RI is the smallest state, it has 31 cities and towns, which encompass over 400 villages. There are five counties: **Providence**, **Washington, Bristol, Newport** and **Kent**.



TOWNS AROUND URI

SOUTH KINGSTOWN



Population: 30,650 **Commute Time to Providence**: 37 minutes **Villages**: Kingston, Matunuck, Peace Dale, Wakefield, West Kingston

South Kingstown, home to URI, is a charming coastal town renowned for its picturesque beaches, historic landmarks, and vibrant community spirit. Nestled in the heart of Washington County, it offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and small-town charm, attracting visitors with its scenic landscapes, quaint shops, and delicious seafood cuisine. With a rich history dating back to colonial times and a thriving arts scene, South Kingstown is a welcoming destination for both residents and tourists alike.

NARRAGANSETT



Population: 15,464 Commute Time to Kingston: 18 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 38 minutes Villages: Narraganett Pier, Galilee, Scarborough, Bonnet Shores

Narragansett is a coastal gem that offers a perfect blend of pristine beaches, surfing, outdoor adventures, delicious seafood, and rich history. Known by many as a summer destination, the population shifts during the off season to accommodate student rentals. Narragansett offers a smaller school system reflecting the smaller year round population.

CHARLESTOWN



Population: 1,702 Commute Time to Kingston: 20 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 45 minutes Villages: Quonochontaug and Carolina

Charlestown is known for its pristine coastal beauty and laid-back atmosphere. It boasts stunning beaches like East Beach and Blue Shutters Town Beach for sunbathing and surfing. Nature enthusiasts can explore the trails of Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge or Kettle Pond Visitor's Center. The town's quaint village center has just a few shops and markets. The community hosts annual events like a seafood festival and music festivals. It is part of the Chariho Regional School District.

EXETER



Population: 6,561 Commute Time to Kingston: 16 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 26 minutes

Exeter is nestled in the heart of the state, to the west of URI away from the coast. It offers a tranquil retreat surrounded by natural beauty and outdoor adventures. The town is home to several parks and conservation areas, including the Arcadia Management Area, one of Rhode Island's largest recreational areas, offering miles of hiking trails, fishing ponds, and wildlife viewing opportunities. There are scattered shopping opportunities, but no defined town center. Exeter is part of the Exeter / West Greenwich Regional School District.

NORTH KINGSTOWN



Population: 26,300 Commute Time to Kingston: 18 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 28 minutes Villages: Saunderstown, Slocum, Quidnessett, Wickford

North Kingstown is a picturesque town characterized by its historic charm, scenic waterfront views, and strong sense of community. With its diverse neighborhoods, thriving local economy, and abundant recreational amenities, North Kingstown provides an ideal setting for individuals seeking a blend of suburban tranquility and modern convenience.

EAST GREENWICH



Population: 13,100 Commute Time to Kingston: 23 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 22 minutes

East Greenwich offers a charming blend of historic architecture and easy access to outdoor recreational activities. A bustling Main Street is filled with boutique shops, gourmet restaurants, cafes and marinas. Away from the coast there are more rural areas and many established neighborhoods.

WARWICK



Population: 83,100 Commute Time to Kingston: 32 minutes Commute Time to Providence: 20 minutes

Warwick is a bustling suburban community located along the picturesque Narragansett Bay. With its diverse neighborhoods, thriving economy, and convenient access to both Providence and the beaches of South County, Warwick offers residents a balance of urban amenities and coastal charm. Home to T.F. Green Airport, Warwick serves as a major transportation hub and boasts a range of recreational facilities, shopping centers, and historic sites, making it an attractive destination for families and professionals alike.

PROVIDENCE



Population: 189,500 Commute Time to Kingston: 38 minutes

Providence is a vibrant and historic city brimming with culture and creativity. As the state capital and home to prestigious institutions. Providence is a hub of academic and artistic innovation. Its diverse neighborhoods offer a mix of architectural styles, from colonial-era buildings to modern skyscrapers, while its renowned dining scene, scenic riverfront, and lively arts and entertainment venues ensure there's always something exciting to explore in this dynamic New England city.