

## State Information 2001 Quarters

## New York

The New York quarter, the first quarter of the 2001 series, features the Statue of Liberty superimposed over an outline of the state along with the inscription "Gateway to Freedom." Also incorporated into the state outline is a line tracing the Hudson River and the route of the Erie Canal.

The New York design celebrates the "Empire State" as a point of entry for millions of immigrants seeking the political freedom and democracy that American citizenship provides. President Grover Cleveland accepted the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, on behalf of the United States on October 28, 1886. Lady Liberty was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924, and underwent extensive restoration for her remarkable centennial on July 4, 1986. Governor George E. Pataki asked the U.S. Mint to add the line tracing the Hudson River and the route of the Erie Canal because of the vital developmental role of the waterways.


State Capital:

Albany
Eastern Bluebird
. Sugar Maple
Rose
Excelsior
(Ever upward)

> Entered Union (rank): . . . July 26, 1788 (11)
> Nickname: . . . . . . . . . . . Empire State
> Origin of Name: . . . . . . . In honor of the
> Duke of York
> State Song: . . . . . . . . . "I Love New York"

## North Carolina

The North Carolina quarter, the 12th in the series and the second quarter to be released in the 2001 series, highlights the famous 1903 photograph of the "First Flight."

The North Carolina quarter commemorates the historic feat that took place on December 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina with the first successful flight of a heavier-than-air, self-propelled flying machine. The craft, called the Flyer, traveled a distance of approximately 37 meters ( 120 feet) on its first flight and soared even further as one of the most significant human achievements in history.


| State Capital: | Raleigh |
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| State Bird: | . Cardinal |
| State Tree: | Pine |
| State Flower: | Doswood |
| State Motto: | Esse quam videri |

(To be rather than to seem)
Entered Union (rank): . . . . . November 21, 1789 (12)
Nickname: Tar Heel State or
Origin of Name: . . . . . . . . . In honor of King Charles I
of Ensland
State Song: . . . . . . . . . . . "The Old North State"

## Rhode Island

The Rhode Island quarter, the third quarter of the 2001 series, honors the "Ocean State." Featuring a vintage sailboat gliding through Rhode Island's famous Narragansett Bay, and an image of the Pell Bridge in the background, with the design showcasing Rhode Island's most popular sport—sailing.

With more than 400 miles of coastline, Rhode Island, the smallest state in the Union, has more than 100 fresh water and salt water beaches. Known as the "sailing capital" of the world, Rhode Island was home to the America's Cup for more than 50 years. Narragansett Bay is crucial to the architecture of Rhode Island. An inlet of the Atlantic Ocean, extending into eastern Rhode Island, the Bay receives four major rivers, and has several islands.

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State Capital: . . . . Providence<br>State Bird: . . . . . . Rhode Island Red Hen<br>State Tree: . . . . . . Red Maple<br>State Flower: . . . . . Violet<br>State Motto: . . . . . . Hope

Entered Union (rank): .<br>May 29, 1790 (13)<br>Nickname:<br>The Ocean State<br>Origin of Nickname:<br>From the Greek Island of Rhodes<br>State Song:<br>"Rhode Island<br>It's for Me"

## Vermont

The Vermont quarter, the fourth quarter in the 2001 series, features Camel's Hump Mountain with an image of maple trees with sap buckets in the forefront.

The design honors the "Green Mountain State," the first state admitted to the Union after the original 13 colonies. Vermont is most famous for its skiing and the production of maple sugar and syrup. Until the 1800s when cane sugar was introduced, Americans relied on Vermont's maple sugar for much of its sugar supply. Featured on the quarter is Camel's Hump Mountain in the northern half of Vermont's Green Mountains. Camel's Hump is easily recognized by its unique double-humped profile and is one of the highest peaks in Vermont.
State Capital: . . . . . Montpelier
State Bird: . . . . . . . Hermit Thrush
State Tree: . . . . . . Susar Maple
State Flower: . . . . . Red Clover
State Motto: . . . . .
Entered Union (rank): . . . . . . March 4, 1791 (14)
Nickname: . . . . . . . . . . . Green Mountain State
Origin of Name: . . . . . . . From the French "Les verts
mont," meaning "Sreen mountain"
State Song: . . . . . . . . . . . . "Hail, Vermont!"

## Kentucky

The Kentucky quarter, the fifth and last quarter in the 2001 series, shows the stately mansion, Federal Hill, with an inscription that reads, "My Old Kentucky Home." A thoroughbred racehorse is positioned behind a fence in the foreground of the quarter.

Kentucky was the first state on the western frontier to join the Union and is one of four states to call itself a "commonwealth." Kentucky is home of the longest running annual horse race in the country, the Kentucky Derby. The famous Kentucky Bluegrass country is also grazing ground for some of the world's finest racehorses. Featured on the new quarter is another prominent symbol of Kentucky, Federal Hill, which has become known as "My Old Kentucky Home." The design shows a side view of the famous Bardstown home where Stephen Foster wrote the state song, "My Old Kentucky Home."

State Capital: . . . . Frankfort
State Bird: . . . . . . Kentucky Cardinal
State Tree: . . . . . . Tulip Poplar
State Flower: . . . . . Goldenrod
State Motto: . . . . . United we stand, divided we fall


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