



# America's 250th birthday: Northeast plans big celebrations

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Milestone birthdays are a big deal, and big deals demand big celebrations. None more so than the United States' latest: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which created the nation on July 4, 1776.

Although [America250](#) events are planned across the country, the shindig promises to be especially festive in the Northeast. Home to America's first and oldest states, it's where the United States was born, forged and built.

From special exhibits and historical reenactments to themed festivals and public art installations — not to mention tons of fireworks — here's what's in store for patriotic partygoers in the nation's capital and across the region.

## **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island's America250 celebrations include a special exhibit at the [Newport Historical Society](#) examining the occupation of Newport during the Revolutionary War; the [America's Jubilee 250th Celebration Sail](#) on June 5, during which tall ships and sailboats will join a regatta commemorating Rhode Island's maritime heritage; and the [Bristol Fourth of July Parade](#) on July 4, which claims to be the oldest continuously celebrated Fourth of July parade in the nation.

Learn more at [rhodeisland250.org](https://rhodeisland250.org).