

# Connecticut State Flag

Constitution State • Capital: Hartford • Statehood: 1788

## Overview

On a field of deep blue, a baroque white shield bearing three grapevines. Beneath, a banner reads Qui Transtulit Sustinet — “He who transplanted sustains.” It recalls the colony’s early settlers and their resilience, the vines thriving as they did in new soil.

### Flag specifications

Adopted: 1897-09-09  
Designer: Based on colonial seal  
Ratio: 3:4  
Blue field with central white shield bearing three grapevines and motto ribbon.

#### Colors

     
#002D72 #FFFFFF #008000 #FFD700

### Symbolism

|                  |                                                                               |
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| three grapevines | Represent the first three settlements.                                        |
| motto            | 'Qui Transtulit Sustinet' translates as 'He who transplanted still sustains.' |

### Historical timeline

- 1639: Colonial seal origins.
- 1897: Current flag adopted.

### Notable facts

- One of the few flags with a Latin motto prominently displayed.
- Connecticut is known as the Constitution State for its early governance model.
- The Latin motto 'Qui Transtulit Sustinet' means 'He Who Transplanted Still Sustains.'
- The three grapevines symbolize the original Connecticut colonies.
- The shield is set on a blue field representing loyalty and justice.
- The flag design evolved from the state seal.
- The current flag was officially adopted in 1897.
- Connecticut’s flag is one of the oldest continuously used state flag designs.

### Seal deep dive

**grapevines**  
Three grapevines bearing purple grape clusters on a white shield.  
Meaning: The original three Connecticut settlements and prosperity through agriculture

**shield**  
A white heraldic shield centered on a blue field.  
Meaning: Stability, endurance, and historical continuity

**motto**  
A white banner beneath the shield reading 'QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET'.  
Meaning: He who transplanted still sustains, expressing faith and perseverance

### Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on field  
Complexity: 7/10  
Readability: 5/10



Printable reference sheet for classroom use.