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Textiles major Maite Sosa Methol made these dresses, "En el sur las flores crecen en el mar," that can be seen at the 2026 RISD Grad Show. PHOTOS BY WHEELER COWPERTHWAITTE/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

## Cost of RI homes continues to increase

New median age for a first-time buyer is 40

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The median price for a single-family home in April climbed to nearly last year's September peak, as inventory remains low and houses are staying on the market a little over a month.

Inventory, sales and the median single-family house price are up over the winter, typical of the state's seasonal market, according to a news release from the Rhode Island Association of Realtors.

The ever-increasing median house prices are decreasing the number of houses being sold as buyers are squeezed by higher prices, with a median price of \$529,000 in April.

"Affordability remains the issue," association President Michael Pereira wrote in a statement.

The constant rise in prices has made home ownership a "pipe dream" for many would-be buyers, he wrote, as the median age for a first-time home buyer is now 40.

The number of single-family home listings increased slightly, to 1,333 across the state, compared to April 2019, before the pandemic, with 3,398 listings. The pre-pandemic April median price for a home was \$275,000,

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# MASTERS OF FINE ARTS

## Students showcase their work at RISD's 2026 Grad Show

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PROVIDENCE – The 2026 Rhode Island School of Design Grad Show opened on May 20, with graduating students filling the Convention Center floor with bold paintings, sculptures, installations, products, gadgets, furniture and more.

The free Grad Show remains open, from noon to 5 p.m. daily, until May 30 at 1 Sabin St., on the second floor of the

Rhode Island Convention Center, in Halls C and D.

Highlights include work by jewelry and metalsmith majors, pieces that straddle the line between jewelry and sculpture, huge paintings and haunting sculptures.

"Highlighting the creativity of students at all stages of the thesis process, from sketches and drafts to completed works, *RISD Grad Show 2026* invites viewers to experience an expansive range of exploratory work by emerging

artists and designers," according to a news release on the show. "The work selected represents the culmination of each student's experience in RISD's dynamic and diverse graduate programs."

The Grad Show has 43,000 square feet to display the graduating students' work, with 2,000 linear feet of wall space, creating gallery areas.

In addition to sculptures, jewelry, paintings, ceramics and other fine arts are works of design and product prototypes.



Wood carving by Muhammad Asif is on display.



Pieces from ceramics major Rebecca Stevens. The show is free and is open daily.



Alex (Yeying) Wen's piece drew praise from the website Bold Journey.



Yuhao Li crafted this work now on display at the Grad Show.

## RI Senate tackles use of AI in mental health care

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Changes are on their way to health care in Rhode Island.

The state's Senate approved, on Thursday, May 21, a slate of bills that tackles artificial intelligence in mental health care and appropriate money for a medical school at the University of Rhode Island, among other issues.

The bills, part of a broader health care package, now head to the House

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