

Fun Facts: Celebrating 250 Years of America



Celebrating 250 Years of Independence

Since declaring independence on July 4, 1776, the U.S. population has continued to grow. The 2020 Census recorded 331 million people living in the United States—an 8,336 percent increase from just 3.9 million counted in the first census in 1790. As the nation approaches its 250th birthday, Americans continue to celebrate this milestone of freedom with festivities like fireworks, parades, concerts, and more.

Places to Celebrate America's Birthday

- Museums: **5,480**
- Historical Sites: **1,120**
- Zoos and Botanical Gardens: **781**
- Nature Parks: **797**
- Amusement and Theme Parks: **742**
- Sports Arenas: **4,274**

Did You Know?

In 2024, about 14 million men age 18 and older were U.S. veterans (89 percent), compared to their 1.7 million female counterparts (11 percent).

Patriotic Places

Our nation is filled with patriotically named places! As of July 2024, there were 55 incorporated places with patriotic names. Topping the list: “Liberty” with “Independence” a distant second.



Founding Father

George Washington is the only founding father after whom a state is named. And that state even has a small city named George! The 2020 Census population of George, Washington was 809.



How We've Grown

2.5 Million

The number of people living in the new free nation in July 1776.



341.8 Million

The nation's estimated population as of July 2025.

And the Rockets' Red Glare

- **1,319** — The number of U.S. fireworks manufacturers in 2023.
- **Approximately \$407 million** — The value of fireworks imported into the United States in 2025.
- **Approximately \$1.8 million** — The value of American flags exported from the United States in 2025.



Populations of Historic U.S. Landmark Locations

- **Statue of Liberty** — New York, NY (8,478,072)
- **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** — Keystone, SD (261)
- **The White House** — Washington D.C. (702,250)
- **Liberty Bell** — Philadelphia, PA (1,573,916)

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