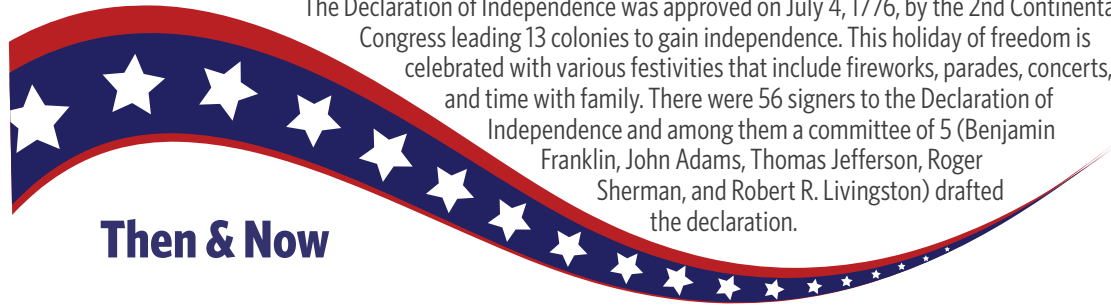


# Fun Facts: Fourth of July

## The Beginning of Independence

The Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776, by the 2nd Continental Congress leading 13 colonies to gain independence. This holiday of freedom is celebrated with various festivities that include fireworks, parades, concerts, and time with family. There were 56 signers to the Declaration of Independence and among them a committee of 5 (Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston) drafted the declaration.



### Then & Now

Population of the 13 Colonies and Their Signers to the Declaration of Independence

	Signers	Estimated Population*
Pennsylvania	9	434,373
Virginia	7	747,610
Massachusetts	5	378,787
New Jersey	5	184,139
Connecticut	4	237,946
Maryland	4	319,728
New York	4	340,210
South Carolina	4	249,073
Delaware	3	59,094
Georgia	3	82,548
New Hampshire	3	141,885
North Carolina	3	393,751
Rhode Island	2	68,825



Population of the First 13 States and Their U.S. House of Representatives Seats

117th Congress	2021 Census Resident Population
18	12,964,056
11	8,642,274
9	6,984,723
12	9,267,130
5	3,605,597
8	6,165,129
27	19,835,913
7	5,190,705
1	1,003,384
14	10,799,566
2	1,388,992
13	10,551,162
2	1,095,610

\*The United States did not conduct its first official census until 1790—these estimates were cobbled together from a variety of sources.

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 Population Estimates, 2021 International Trade Statistics, 1790 Census: Whole Numbers of Persons within the District of the U.S. report, Historical Statistics of the United States: 1789-1945 report, Fourth of July Facts for Features, My Congressional District, U.S. Population Clock, and 2020 County Business Patterns.

## A New Free Nation

**2.5 Million**

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



**332 Million**

The nation's estimated population as of July 2021.

## Celebrating With a Bang!



- **Approximately \$468 million** — The value of fireworks imported into the United States in 2021.

## Stars and Stripes



- **\$6.7 million** — The value of U.S. imports of American Flags in 2021.
- **\$2.5 million** — The value of U.S. flags exported in 2021.

## Backyard Barbecues



In 2020, there were...

- **165** — The number of businesses in the United States that make household appliances, including **barbecue grills**.
- **278** — The number of businesses in the United States who use paper and cardboard to make different products, such as **paper plates and cups**.
- **710** — The number of snack food manufacturers in the United States.



Note: These are for establishments with employees.