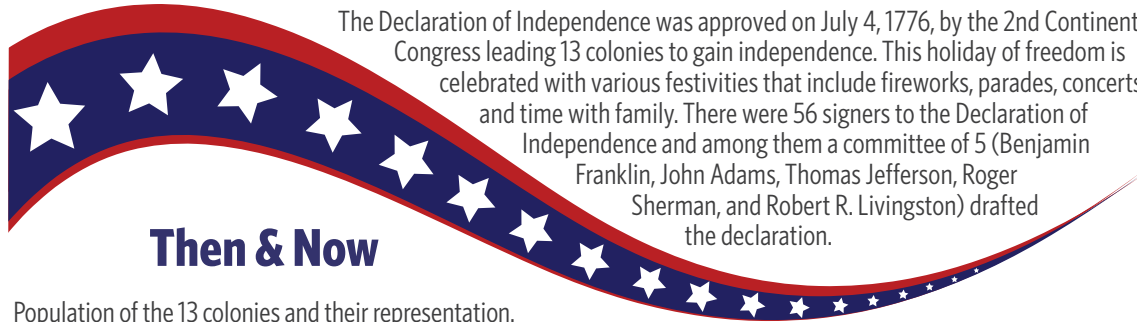


Fun Facts: Fourth of July


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 representation.

	Then			Now	
	Signers	Estimated Population*		116th Congress	Population Estimates
Pennsylvania	9	434,373	18	12,807,060	
Virginia	7	747,610	11	8,517,685	
Massachusetts	5	378,787	9	6,902,149	
New Jersey	5	184,139	12	8,908,520	
Connecticut	4	237,946	5	3,572,665	
Maryland	4	319,728	8	6,042,718	
New York	4	340,210	27	19,542,209	
South Carolina	4	249,073	7	5,084,127	
Delaware	3	59,094	1	967,171	
Georgia	3	82,548	14	10,519,475	
New Hampshire	3	141,885	2	1,356,458	
North Carolina	3	393,751	13	10,383,620	
Rhode Island	2	68,825	2	1,057,315	

*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 2018 Population Estimates, 2018 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 2016 County Business Patterns.

A New Free Nation

2.5 Million

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

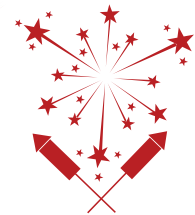


327 Million

The nation's estimated population on July 4, 2018.

Celebrating With a Bang!

- **Approximately \$332 million**—The value of fireworks imported into the United States in 2018.



Stars and Stripes

- **\$6.3 million**—The value of U.S. imports of American Flags in 2018.
- **\$20.8 million**—The value of U.S. flags exported in 2018.



Barbecues and Picnics

- **About 5,000**—The number of meat markets in the United States.
- **Approximately 650**—The number of snack food manufacturers in the United States.
- **Roughly 700**—The number of nature parks in the United States.

