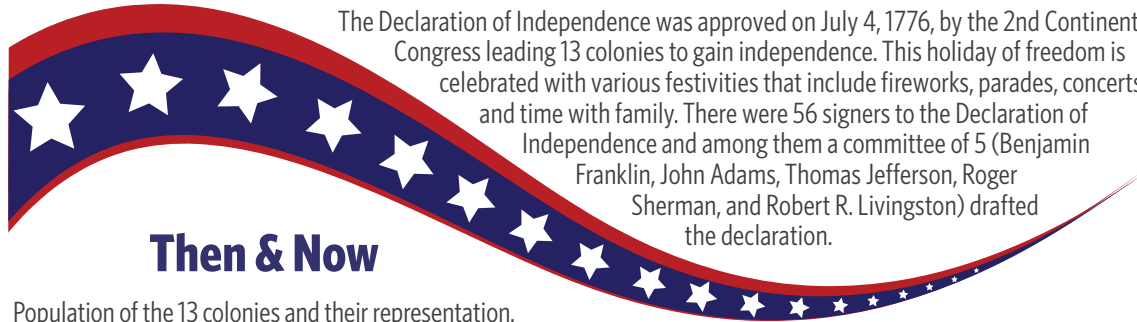


Fun Facts: Fourth of July

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	12,801,989	
Virginia	7	747,610	11	8,535,519	
Massachusetts	5	378,787	9	6,892,503	
New Jersey	5	184,139	12	8,882,190	
Connecticut	4	237,946	5	3,565,287	
Maryland	4	319,728	8	6,045,680	
New York	4	340,210	27	19,453,561	
South Carolina	4	249,073	7	5,148,714	
Delaware	3	59,094	1	973,764	
Georgia	3	82,548	14	10,617,423	
New Hampshire	3	141,885	2	1,359,711	
North Carolina	3	393,751	13	10,488,084	
Rhode Island	2	68,825	2	1,059,361	

*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 2019 Population Estimates, 2019 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 2017 County Business Patterns.

A New Free Nation

2.5 Million

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



328 Million

The nation's estimated population on July 4, 2019.

Celebrating With a Bang!

- **Approximately \$319 million** — The value of fireworks imported into the United States in 2019.



Stars and Stripes

- **\$6.7 million** — The value of U.S. imports of American Flags in 2019.
- **\$9.1 million** — The value of U.S. flags exported in 2019.



Backyard Barbecues

In 2017, there were...

- **Roughly 160** — The number of businesses in the United States that make household appliances, including **barbecue grills**.
- **About 300** — The number of businesses in the United States who use paper and cardboard to make different products, such as **paper plates and cups**.
- **Approximately 675** — The number of snack food manufacturers in the United States.

