

POP Culture: 1830

ICONS: Edgar Allen Poe, The Alamo, Colt Revolver



- The first bank robbery in U.S. history occurs at the City Bank of New York on March 19, 1831.
- The Choctaw Indian Tribe signs a treaty exchanging 8 million acres of land east of the Mississippi for land in Oklahoma.
- The first attempted assassination of a U.S. president (Andrew Jackson) fails when Richard Lawrence's gun misfires on January 30, 1835.
- Oberlin College opens in 1835, becoming the first college to admit black students.
- P.T. Barnum begins his first circus tour of the United States on June 2, 1835.
- The battle for the Alamo is waged from February 23 to March 6, 1836, in San Antonio, TX.
- Charles Goodyear invents vulcanized rubber in 1839.
- Edgar Allen Poe publishes *The Fall of the House of Usher* in the September 1839 edition of *Burton's Gentleman's Magazine*.

The 1830 Census

U.S. Resident Population:	12,860,702
Population per square mile of land area:	7.4
Percent increase of population from 1820 to 1830:	33.5
Official Enumeration Date:	June 1
Number of States:	24
Cost:	\$379,000
Cost per Capita (cents):	2.9
Total Pages in Published Reports:	214
Number of Enumerators:	1,519
Number of Office Staff:	43
Census Bureau Director:	Martin Van Buren
Number of Questions Asked:	12

10 Largest Urban Places

Rank	Place	Population
1	New York City, NY	202,589
2	Baltimore, MD	80,620
3	Philadelphia, PA	80,462
4	Boston town, MA	61,392
5	New Orleans, LA	46,082
6	Charleston, SC	30,289
7	Northern Liberties township, PA	28,872
8	Cincinnati, OH	24,831
9	Albany, NY	24,209
10	Southwark district, PA	20,581

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