

POP Culture: 1880

ICONS: Light Bulb, Mark Twain, Wyatt Earp



- Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell form the Oriental Telephone Company, on January 25, 1881.
- Doc Holiday and the Earp brothers survive their gunfight at the O.K. Corral on October 26, 1881.
- The first Vaudeville theater opens in Boston, MA, on February 28, 1883.
- Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in 1884.
- The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor from France, in July 1885.
- Pharmacist John Pemberton invents Coca-Cola in May 1886.
- The May 31, 1889, "Johnstown Flood" kills more than 2,200 people after heavy rain destroys the South Fork Dam.
- The first issue of the *Wall Street Journal* is published on July 8, 1889.

The 1880 Census	
U.S. Resident Population:	50,189,209
Population per square mile of land area:	14.2
Percent increase of population from 1870 to 1880:	26.0
Official Enumeration Date:	June 1
Number of States:	38
Cost:	\$5,791,000
Cost per Capita (cents):	11.5
Total Pages in Published Reports:	21,458
Number of Enumerators:	31,382
Census Bureau Director:	Francis Amasa Walker
Number of Questions Asked:	26

10 Largest Urban Places		
Rank	Place	Population
1	New York City, NY	1,206,299
2	Philadelphia, PA	847,170
3	Brooklyn, NY	566,663
4	Chicago, IL	503,185
5	Boston, MA	362,839
6	St. Louis, MO	350,518
7	Baltimore, MD	332,313
8	Cincinnati, OH	255,139
9	San Francisco, CA	233,959
10	New Orleans, LA	216,090

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