

# POP Culture: 1960

## ICONS: Vietnam War, Psychedelic Music, Apollo 11



- Frances Gary Power's U2 spy plane is shot down over Sverdlovsk, U.S.S.R. on May 1, 1960.
- Harper Lee's 1961 book *To Kill A Mockingbird* is a bestseller.
- On October 1, 1962, James H. Meredith becomes the first black student to attend the University of Mississippi.
- Sidney Poitier wins the 1963 "Best Actor" Academy Award for *Lilies of the Field*.
- The Beatles make their U.S. debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, on February 9, 1964.
- The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade arrive in Vietnam on March 8, 1965.
- The National Organization for Women is founded in 1966.
- Apollo astronauts Virgil Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee die during a simulated launch exercise on January 27, 1967.
- The August 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair draws more than 450,000 people to Bethel, NY.

The 1960 Census	
U.S. Resident Population:	179,323,175
Population per square mile of land area:	50.6
Percent increase of population from 1950 to 1960:	18.5
Official Enumeration Date:	April 1
Number of States:	50
Cost:	\$127,934,000
Cost per Capita (cents):	71.4
Total Pages in Published Reports:	103,000
Number of Enumerators:	159,321
Census Bureau Director:	<a href="#">Robert Wilbur Burgess</a>
Number of Questions on the Short Form:	
Number of Questions on the Long Form:	

10 Largest Urban Places		
Rank	Place	Population
1	New York City, NY	7,781,984
2	Chicago, IL	3,550,404
3	Los Angeles, CA	2,479,015
4	Philadelphia, PA	2,002,512
5	Detroit, MI	1,670,144
6	Baltimore, MD	939,024
7	Houston, TX	938,219
8	Cleveland, OH	876,050
9	Washington, DC	763,956
10	St. Louis, MO	750,026

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