

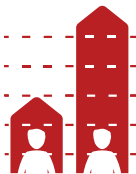
# Fourth of July

## 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*		115th Congress	Population Estimates	
Pennsylvania	9	434,373	18	12,805,537	
Virginia	7	747,610	11	8,470,020	
Massachusetts	5	378,787	9	6,859,819	
New Jersey	5	184,139	12	9,005,644	
Connecticut	4	237,946	5	3,588,184	
Maryland	4	319,728	8	6,052,177	
New York	4	340,210	27	19,849,399	
South Carolina	4	249,073	7	5,024,369	
Delaware	3	59,094	1	961,939	
Georgia	3	82,548	14	10,429,379	
New Hampshire	3	141,885	2	1,342,795	
North Carolina	3	393,751	13	10,273,419	
Rhode Island	2	68,825	2	1,059,639	

\*The United States did not conduct its first official census until 1790.

## A New Free Nation

**2.5 Million**

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



**326 Million**

The nation's estimated population on July 4, 2017.

## Celebrating with a Bang!

- **Approximately \$280 million** - The value of fireworks imported into the United States in 2017.

## Stars and Stripes

- **\$5 million** - The value of U.S. imports of American Flags in 2016.
- **Almost \$30 million** - The value of U.S. flags exported in 2016.



## Barbecues and Picnics

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

