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Valentine's Day 2014: Feb. 14

Expressing one's love to another is a celebrated custom on Valentine's Day. Sweethearts and family members present gifts to one another, such as cards, candy, flowers and other symbols of affection. Opinions differ as to who was the original Valentine, but the most popular theory is that he was a clergyman who was executed for secretly marrying couples in ancient Rome. In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius I declared Feb. 14 as Valentine Day. Esther Howland, a native of Massachusetts, is given credit for selling the first mass-produced valentine cards in the 1840s. The spirit continues today with even young children exchanging valentine's cards with their fellow classmates.

Candy

1,148

Number of U.S. manufacturing establishments that produced chocolate and cocoa products in 2011, employing 35,538 people. California led the nation with 122 of these establishments, followed by Pennsylvania, with 109.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns: 2011, NAICS code (31132) and (31133),
<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1//naics~31132>>
<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1//naics~31133>>

440

Number of U.S. establishments that manufactured nonchocolate confectionary products in 2011. These establishments employed 19,198 people. California led the nation in this category with 56 establishments.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns: 2011, NAICS code (31134)
<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1//naics~31134>>

\$13.5 billion

The estimated value of shipments in 2011 for firms producing chocolate and cocoa products.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 Annual Survey of Manufactures, Products and Service Codes (311320 and 311330)

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ASM/2011/31VS201//prodsvc~311320|311330>>

Nonchocolate confectionery product manufacturing, meanwhile, was an estimated \$8.4 billion industry.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 Annual Survey of Manufactures, Products and Service Code (311340)

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ASM/2011/31VS201//prodsvc~311340>>

3,320

Number of confectionery and nut stores in the United States in 2011.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, NAICS code (445292),

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1//naics~445292>>

Flowers

15,307

The total number of florists' establishments nationwide in 2011. These businesses employed 66,165 people.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, NAICS code (4531)

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1//naics~4531>>

\$280,357,058

The value of imports for cut flowers and buds for bouquets in 2013 through October. The total value of fresh cut roses as of October 2013 was \$354,703,231.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: Foreign Trade Division USA Trade Online U.S. Import and Export Merchandise trade (Commodity code-060319)

<<https://usatrade.census.gov/>>

Jewelry

23,394

The estimated number of jewelry stores in the United States in 2011. Jewelry stores offer engagement, wedding and other rings to couples of all ages. In February 2013, these stores sold an estimated \$2.8 billion in merchandise.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, NAICS code (448310),

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1/0100000US/naics~448310>> and Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services <<http://www.census.gov/retail>>

The merchandise at these locations could well have been produced at one of the nation's 1,385 jewelry-manufacturing establishments.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, NAICS code (339911),

<<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/BP/2011/00A1/0100000US/naics~339911>>

“Please Be Mine”

29.0 and 26.6 years

Median age at first marriage in 2013 for men and women, respectively.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Families and Living Arrangements: 2013, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/marital.html>, Table MS-2

52.7%

The overall percentage of people 15 and older who reported being married.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Families and Living Arrangements: 2013, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html> Table A1

68.6%

Percentage of people 15 and older in 2013 who had been married at some point in their lives — either currently or formerly.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Families and Living Arrangements: 2013, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html> Table A1

36.9

The provisional rate of marriages per 1,000 people performed in Nevada during 2011. So many couples tie the knot in the Silver State that it ranked number one nationally in marriage rates.

Hawaii ranked second with a marriage rate of 17.6.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/dvs/marriage_rates_90_95_99-11.pdf

2.1 million

The provisional number of marriages that took place in the United States in 2011. That breaks down to nearly 5,800 a day.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/marriage_divorce_tables.htm

74.5%

The percentage of women who married for the first time between 1990 and 1994, who marked their 10th anniversary. This compares with 83 percent of women who married for the first time between 1960 and 1964.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Number, Timing, and Duration of Marriages and Divorces: 2009, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf>, Table 4

6.2%

As of 2009, the percentage of currently married women who had been married for at least 50 years. A little more than half of currently married women had been married for at least 15 years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Number, Timing, and Duration of Marriages and Divorces: 2009
<<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf>>, Table 9

Giving Love a Second Chance

19.4%

Among people 15 and older who have been married, the percentage of men and women, who have been married twice as of 2012. Five percent have married three or more times. By comparison, 75.4 percent of people who have ever been married have made only one trip down the aisle.

Source: 2012 American Community Survey

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_1YR/B12505>

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Median length, in years, of first marriages that ended in divorce.

Source: Number, Timing, and Duration of Marriages and Divorces: 2009

<<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf>>, Table 8

3.8 and 3.7

The median time in years between divorce and a second marriage for men and women, respectively. However, the two medians are not statistically different from each other.

Source: Number, Timing, and Duration of Marriages and Divorces: 2009

<<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf>>, Table 8

9% and 7.9%

Among people 15 and older in 2009, the percentage of men and women, respectively, who had married twice and were still married.

Source: Number, Timing, and Duration of Marriages and Divorces: 2009

<<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf>>, Table 6

Looking for Love

393

The number of dating service establishments nationwide as of 2007. These establishments, which include Internet dating services, employed 3,125 people and pulled in \$928 million in revenue.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Economic Census

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ECN/2007_US/00A1//naics~8129902>

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Romantic-sounding places to spend Valentine's Day:

Rose City, Texas
(Population total – 509)

Rose City, Mich.
(Population total – 647)

South Heart, N.D.
(Population total – 340)

Loveland, Colo.
(Population total – 70,223)

Darling, Minn.
(Population total – 535)

Loveland, Ohio
(Population total – 12,198)

Romeo, Colo.
(Population total – 400)

Sacred Heart, Minn.
(Population total – 533)

Loveland Park, Ohio
(Population total – 1,523)

Lovejoy, Ga.
(Population total – 6,486)

Valentine, Neb.
(Population total – 2,760)

Love County, Okla.
(Population total – 9,558)

Loves Park, Ill.
(Population total – 23,805)

Lovelock, Nev.
(Population total – 1,895)

Loveland, Okla.
(Population total – 13)

Lovington, Ill.
(Population total – 1,124)

Loving, N.M.
(Population total – 1,760)

Lovelady, Texas
(Population total – 632)

Romeoville, Ill.
(Population total – 39,680)

Lovington, N.M.
(Population total – 11,275)

Loving County, Texas
(Population total – 71)

Rosemont, Ill.
(Population total – 4,230)

Rosemont, Md.
(Population total – 302)

Valentine, Texas
(Population total – 134)

Romeo, Mich.
(Population total – 3,597)

Love Valley, N.C.
(Population total – 91)

Rose Hill Acres, Texas
(Population total – 443)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder
<<http://factfinder2.census.gov>>

Following is a list of observances typically covered by the Census Bureau's *Facts for Features* series:

Black History Month (February)	Labor Day
Super Bowl	Grandparents Day
Valentine's Day (Feb. 14)	Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
Women's History Month (March)	Unmarried and Single Americans Week
Irish-American Heritage Month (March)/ St. Patrick's Day (March 17)	Halloween (Oct. 31)
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month (May)	American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month (November)
Older Americans Month (May)	Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
Cinco de Mayo (May 5)	Thanksgiving Day
Mother's Day	The Holiday Season (December)
Hurricane Season Begins (June 1)	
Father's Day	
The Fourth of July (July 4)	
Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26)	
Back to School (August)	

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