

- John Hancock was the first signer, and a merchant by trade. In 2015, 1.1 million business establishments with paid employees, like Hancock, were in the retail trade industry.
Source: [2016 Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns, Table CB1500A11](#)
- Benjamin Franklin, who represented Pennsylvania, was the oldest of the signers at age 70. Franklin County, Pa., had an estimated population of 154,234 as of July 1, 2017, and York City, Pa., had a population of 446,078 as of July 1, 2017. Edward Rutledge, of South Carolina, was the youngest at age 26. South Carolina had an estimated population 5,024,369 as of July 1, 2017.
Source: [Vintage 2017 Population Estimates](#)

[\\$368.6 million](#)

The value of fireworks sales by establishments classified as NAICS 453998, all other miscellaneous store retailers (except tobacco stores) in 2012.

Source: [2012 Economic Census, NAICS: 453998](#)

Patriotic Places

- Counties and census incorporated places that contain the word “[Liberty](#)” in the name.
Source: [2017 Population Estimates](#)
- Counties that have “Union” in the name.
Source: [2017 Population Estimates](#)

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