

POP Culture: 1950

ICONS: Baby Boom, Elvis, Tail Fins



- RCA broadcasts the first color television program on June 25, 1951.
- C.A. Swanson & Sons introduces the "TV dinner" in 1953.
- Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* receives a 1953 Pulitzer Prize. In 1954, the author is awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The USS Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine, launches on January 21, 1954.
- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refuses to vacate her seat aboard a Montgomery, AL, bus.
- CBS debuts *Leave It to Beaver* on October 4, 1957.
- Susan Hayward wins the 1958 Best Actress Academy Award for the movie, "I Want to Live."
- Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states, respectively, in 1959.

The 1950 Census

U.S. Resident Population:	151,325,798
Population per square mile of land area:	42.6
Percent increase of population from 1940 to 1950:	14.5
Official Enumeration Date:	April 1
Number of States:	50
Cost:	\$91,462,000
Cost per Capita (cents):	60.4
Total Pages in Published Reports:	61,700
Number of Enumerators:	142,962
Census Bureau Director:	Roy Victor Peel
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	7,891,957
2	Chicago, IL	3,620,962
3	Philadelphia, PA	2,071,605
4	Los Angeles, CA	1,970,358
5	Detroit, MI	1,849,568
6	Baltimore, MD	949,708
7	Cleveland, OH	914,808
8	St. Louis, MO	856,796
9	Washington, DC	802,178
10	Boston, MA	801,444

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