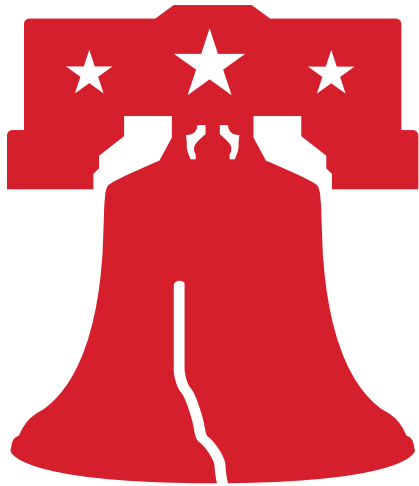


Fun Facts: Constitution Day – September 17



On February 29, 1952, Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. This day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, and recognizes all American citizens.

Did you know that the census is written into the Constitution? That's right! Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution prescribes that a count of the U.S. population be done every ten years.

From Founder to President

Number of U.S. counties with names matching the last names of the founders of the Constitution who also served as U.S. presidents.

- 12**—Adams
- 26**—Jefferson
- 20**—Madison
- 31**—Washington



Collecting Taxes



- About \$6.23**—The amount of state and local government taxes collected per person in 1880.
- About \$6,334**—The amount of state and local government taxes collected per person in 2021.
- \$6.23** in 1880 per capita dollars is **equal to \$174.93** in 2021 according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Freedom of Speech

- Approximately \$5.5 billion**—The total first quarter revenue of U.S. newspaper publishers in 2023*
- Approximately \$6.8 billion**—The total first quarter revenue of U.S. magazine (periodical) publishers in 2023*
- Approximately \$9.4 billion**—The total first quarter revenue of U.S. book and other publishers in 2023*



*Seasonally adjusted

We the People

3,929,214
U.S. population in 1790



331,893,745
U.S. population in 2021

In 2021, there were approximately 332 million people living in the United States including:

- Over 281 million** who were born in the United States.
- Roughly 2 million** who were born in Puerto Rico or U.S. Island Areas.
- About 3.5 million** who were born abroad of American parent(s).
- Over 24 million** who became a citizen at some point after birth.
- Approximately 21 million** who are not a U.S. citizen.

Quartering of Soldiers

- About 217,000**—The number of U.S. service members in the American Revolution between 1775-1783.
- Approximately 17 million**—The number of veterans in the United States in 2021.



Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 1790 Census; 2021 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates; Nativity and Citizenship Status in the United States; Universe: Total population in the United States; 2022 Gazetteer County; 2023 Quarterly Services Survey; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; 2021 State and Local Government Finance Survey; and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.